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# Planned Parenthood picks Chinese-born doctor as new leader

By DAVID CRARY  
**NEW YORK (AP)** — A Chinese immigrant who fled her native country when she was 8 was named Wednesday as Planned Parenthood's new president, the first doctor to hold the post in five decades. Dr. Leana Wen will assume the role Nov. 12, six days after midterm elections in which Planned Parenthood's political wing plans to spend \$20 million on behalf of candidates who support abortion rights. Wen, who has been Baltimore's health commissioner for since 2014, will be Planned Parenthood's sixth president over a century of work providing millions of Americans with birth control, sex education and medical screenings.



In this Aug. 14, 2012 file photo, Dr. Leana Wen stands in the emergency department at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, during her medical residency.

8th birthday, were granted political asylum in the U.S. and became U.S. citizens in 2003. Wen graduated summa cum laude from California State University, Los Angeles and earned her medical degree from Washington University School of Medicine before becoming a Rhodes Scholar. Early in her tenure as Baltimore's health commissioner, she provided strong leadership as the city was wracked by violent protests related to disputed police actions. She expanded trauma and mental health services, and secured funding for a program designed to treat gun violence as a contagious disease. Wen said she was proud of her accomplishments in Baltimore — including reducing infant mortality to record lows and providing eyeglasses for all children who needed them. But she said she could not resist the new job offer.

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The organization also is the largest provider of abortions in the U.S., making it a perennial target for anti-abortion activists. In recent years, its foes have been striving — thus far unsuccessfully — to halt the flow of federal funds that help Planned Parenthood provide some of its non-abortion services. Wen succeeds Cecile Richards, who had been president since 2006 before resigning earlier this year. Under Richards' leadership, Planned Parenthood has been at odds with congressional Republicans and President Donald Trump on numerous fronts, most recently joining the intense opposition to Trump's Supreme Court nominee, Brett Kavanaugh. Abortion-rights advocates fear that Kavanaugh will tilt the high court to the right, possibly opening the way for rulings that would reverse or weaken the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that established a nationwide right for women to have abortions. Wen and her family fled from China just before her

"For more than 100 years, no organization has done more for women's health than Planned Parenthood," Wen said. "As a doctor, I will ensure we continue to provide high-quality health care, including the full range of reproductive care and will fight with everything I have to protect the access of millions of patients who rely on Planned Parenthood." Rep. Elijah Cummings, a Democratic congressman from Baltimore, praised the appointment, saying of Wen, "When it comes to protecting her patients, she doesn't back down from a fight." With Wen's encouragement, Baltimore sued the Trump administration for cutting funds for teen pregnancy prevention. A federal judge subsequently ordered the restoration of \$5 million in grant funding to two Baltimore-based prevention programs.

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# Trump OKs sanctions for foreigners who meddle in elections

By DEB RIECHMANN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) —

President Donald Trump signed an executive order Wednesday authorizing sanctions against foreigners who meddle in U.S. elections, acting amid criticism that he has not taken election security seriously enough.

"We felt it was important to demonstrate the president has taken command of this issue, that it's something he cares deeply about — that the integrity of our elections and our constitutional process are a high priority to him," said national security adviser John Bolton.

In the order, the president declared a national emergency, an action required under sanctions authority, to deal with the threat of foreign meddling in U.S. elections.

The order calls for sanctioning any individual, company or country that interferes with campaign infrastructure, such as voter registration databases, voting machines and equipment used for tabulating or transmitting results. It also authorizes sanctions for engaging in covert, fraudulent or deceptive activities, such as distributing disinformation or propaganda, to influence or undermine confidence in U.S. elections.

It requires the national intelligence director to make regular assessments about foreign interference and asks the Homeland Security and Justice departments to submit reports on meddling in campaign-related infrastructure. It also lays out how the Treasury and State departments will recommend what sanctions to impose.

With the midterm elections now two months away, National Intelligence Director Dan Coats said the U.S. is not currently seeing the intensity of Russian intervention that was experienced in 2016, but he didn't rule it out. He said the U.S. is also worried about the cyber activities of China, North Korea and Iran.

Coats said Trump's order



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directs intelligence agencies to conduct an assessment within 45 days after an election to report any meddling to the attorney general and Department of Homeland Security. The attorney general and Department of Homeland Security then have another 45 days to assess whether sanctions should be imposed. "This clearly is a process put in place to try to assure that we are doing every possible thing we can, first of all, to prevent any interference with our elections, to report on anything we see between now and the election, but then to do a full assessment after the election to assure the American people just exactly what may have happened or may not have happened," Coats said.

Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., and Sen. Chris Van Hollen, D-Md., are pushing a bill that would prohibit foreign governments from purchasing election ads, using social media to spread false information or disrupting election infrastructure. They said Trump's order recognizes the threat, but doesn't go far enough.

The order gives the executive branch the discretion to impose sanctions for election meddling, but the

bill would spell out sanctions on key economic sectors of a country that interferes. Those backing the legislation say that under the bill, a nation would know exactly what it would face if caught.

Virginia Sen. Mark War-

ner, ranking Democrat on the Senate intelligence committee, said the order leaves the president with broad discretion to decide whether to impose tough sanctions. "Unfortunately, President Trump demonstrated in Helsinki and else-

where that he simply cannot be counted upon to stand up to (Russian President Vladimir) Putin when it matters," said Warner, who is sponsoring the bill.

At a July 16 news conference with Putin in Helsinki, Trump was asked if he would denounce what happened in 2016 and warn Putin never to do it again. Trump did not directly answer the question. Instead, he delivered a rambling response, including demands for investigation of Hillary Clinton's email server and his description of Putin's "extremely strong and powerful" denial of meddling. That drew outrage from both Republican and Democrats. Mike Rogers, former director of the National Security Agency, said he thought Trump missed an opportunity in Helsinki to publicly scold Russia for meddling. Rogers said when he used to talk to Trump about the issue, Trump would often respond to him, saying "Mike, you know, I'm in a different place." □

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## Bush boosting Republicans in places where Trump isn't strong

By LAURIE KELLMAN and GARY FINEOUT  
Associated Press

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP)** — Former President George W. Bush is quietly helping boost Republican candidates in places where President Donald Trump has struggled. In so doing, the former two-term president is raising his profile, ever so slightly, in the national politics he eschewed for years. On Wednesday, Bush held an event in Fort Worth, Texas, for Republican Rep. Will Hurd in a congressional district Trump lost in 2016. On Friday, Bush is set to appear in Florida, which Trump narrowly carried in 2016, on behalf of Gov. Rick Scott in the state's expensive Senate race.

Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, who will also attend the Scott event, said in an email that his brother "is helping Senate candidates across the country."

These events are a focal part of Bush's re-emergence in national politics ahead before the Nov. 6 election that will help determine control of Congress.

Another former president, Barack Obama, also has come off the political sidelines for the upcoming midterms.

Both parties have much at stake. Democrats want to capitalize on Trump unpopularity and gain the 23 seats they need to regain a majority in the House and launch investigations of the administration and, potentially, impeachment hearings.

Republicans are increasingly concerned about their ability to fend off Democrats aiming to retake the Senate and win complete control of Congress.

The presence of Trump



In this June 23, 2017 file photo, former President George W. Bush speaks during "Stand-To," a summit held by the George W. Bush Institute focused on veteran transition, in Washington.

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looms large over the elections. He has pledged to campaign as many days as possible to help Republicans defend their majorities, including in Texas, where Republican Sen. Ted Cruz is defending his seat against a strong challenge from Democratic Rep. Beto O'Rourke.

The president has demonstrated that with one Tweet, he can sway the fortunes of Republicans who dare cross him. That puts Republican candidates in places where voters don't love Trump in sticky positions.

So Bush is stepping in, officials in Washington, Florida and Texas said. Doing so could help with voters such as independents and women who want Congress to stay in Republican hands. "We're beyond grateful that President Bush is helping in the fight to keep the House," said Matt Gorman,

spokesman for the House Republicans' campaign committee. "His support of accomplished members like Will Hurd are critical to our effort."

The GOP chairman in Florida, Blaise Ingoglia, said Bush will be a "plus" for Scott's bid to defeat the Democratic incumbent, Bill Nelson.

"There are still plenty of people in the state of Florida who love and admire President Bush," Ingoglia said.

It's not Bush's first move back toward national politics.

Bush re-emerged with a message that echoed with politics at the Sept. 1 funeral of Arizona Sen. John McCain in Washington. The late senator had asked Bush and Obama to give eulogies.

Trump wasn't invited to the service and his name was rarely mentioned in the

speeches, but collectively the ceremony was seen as a rebuke by official Washington of his divisive approach to the presidency.

"John's voice will always come as a whisper over our shoulder: We are better than this. America is better than this," Bush said from the pulpit of Washington National Cathedral.

The Bush family has long had a complicated relationship with Trump.

During the 2016 Republican presidential nomination, Trump said Jeb Bush was "low energy" and argued that George W. Bush had failed to keep the nation safe after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Trump didn't attend the funeral this year of Barbara Bush, the wife and mother of former presidents. First lady Melania Trump attended.

Both Hurd and Scott have tried to distance themselves from Trump.

A former CIA agent, Hurd criticized Trump in a New York Times op-ed in July after the president's deferential news conference with Russian President Vladimir Putin after their meeting in Helsinki. Trump, Hurd wrote, was guilty of a "failure to defend the United States intelligence community's unanimous conclusions" that Russia meddled in the 2016 election.

"His standing idle on the world stage while a Russian dictator spouted lies confused many but should concern all Americans," Hurd wrote. "By playing into Vladimir Putin's hands, the leader of the free world actively participated in a Russian disinformation campaign that legitimized Russian denial and weakened the credibility of the United States to both our friends and foes abroad."

Trump urged Scott to run against Nelson, but Scott has publicly kept his distance from the president. In April, Scott skipped a Trump discussion of the tax-cut package in South Florida, heading out of state to raise money for his Senate campaign instead.

In late July, Scott traveled on Air Force One with the president when he visited Florida.

But the governor skipped Trump's campaign rally held in Tampa, opting instead to hold a fundraiser in nearby Clearwater.

The governor split with Trump over the administration's policy of separating families at the border but did not sharply criticize the president. Instead, he sent a letter to federal authorities calling for an immediate end to the policy and demanded that state officials be told about children brought into Florida. □



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## Police: Teen fatally stabs love rival at Detroit-area school

WARREN, Mich. (AP) — A 17-year-old Michigan high school student could be facing a murder charge after police say she fatally stabbed a classmate over a guy whom both had dated. Warren Police Commissioner William Dwyer said the deadly clash between the two “straight-A students” took place in a Fitzgerald High School classroom Wednesday morning. A school resource officer immediately began life-saving procedures, but the 16-year-old victim was pronounced dead at a hospital about an hour later. Dwyer said the teenage suspect used a steak knife.

“This is truly a tragedy. ... This appears to be an altercation between two students and we’re investigating to determine why this occurred,” Dwyer said. Dwyer said the girls knew each other and had no history of trouble. He told The Associated Press the suspect was upset and disturbed when the male student broke up with her and started dating the victim, leading to her attacking her love rival. The suspect was taken into custody at the scene, and is being held at the police department lockup until the arraignment, which could happen Thursday. Dwyer said the suspect will

probably be charged with premeditated murder in the city’s district court. It wasn’t immediately clear if the suspect has an attorney, though she can request one at her initial hearing. Michigan prosecutes 17-year-olds as adults in homicide cases. The victim was on the school robotics team, student council, ran cross country and played in the marching band, Dwyer said. The school was initially placed on lockdown but students were later released. The district said in a statement that the high school will remain closed Thurs-



Warren police investigate a stabbing of a student at Warren Fitzgerald High School, Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018, in Warren, Mich.

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day, but that students and their parents can come during normal school hours for support and assistance from counselors, psychologists and social workers. School officials say they are working with police and conducting an internal review that includes safety

procedures. Dwyer said the school resource officer, who had been with the department for 10 years, “did everything he could to save that young girl.” “He’s taking it very hard that he wasn’t able to save her life,” Dwyer said. □

## Offensive place name to be stricken from Alaska town code

By RACHEL D’ORO  
Associated Press  
ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A place name deemed offensive to Alaska Natives who live there is being stricken from the municipal code of a small town in western Alaska after local officials took official action. The section of Bethel long known as Lousetown was noted in the municipal code since 2001, despite its connotations of parasitic lice. The nickname will be removed after the Bethel City Council agreed it should be stricken and the area renamed East Avenue for the road traversing that part of the town of about 6,000.

The issue emerged when City Council member Thor Williams introduced a proposed ordinance seeking to change the code to require visible addresses on buildings throughout the city, including Lousetown. The ordinance, including the call to rename Lousetown, was approved by a 6-0 vote at Tuesday’s City Council meeting. “It’s a positive improvement within our community,” Williams said Wednesday. “And it will be known as East Avenue from now on instead of known as a deplorable word.” The word louse means an unpleasant or contemptible person, it’s

also the singular term for lice — the parasitic insect known for infesting human hair. Williams doesn’t know why or when the area got the name as a common reference to that part of town, even though there are no signs there with the name Lousetown. No one else seems to know the origin of the nickname, although historian Jo Antonson said lice infestations were a perennial problem in western Alaska in the past. East Avenue is better than Lousetown, said 79-year-old Bea Kristovich, who lived there in her youth. But she was among locals who thought the area should be called one of various Yup’ik



This Sept. 10, 2018, screenshot shows the municipal code for Bethel, Alaska, where the offensive term “Lousetown” is used to describe a small section of the town in southwest Alaska.

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Eskimo names, so she’s not a fan of the new name. “That’s not the right thing to do,” she said of the change. “I don’t think I like

it.” It’s a change traditional chief Louie Andrew, who lives in that section, can live with. □



# Family arrivals surge at US-Mexico border in August

By ELLIOT SPAGAT

**SAN DIEGO (AP)** — More than 16,000 families were apprehended at the border in August, authorities said Wednesday, a dramatic increase from previous months that the Trump administration blamed on legal loopholes and a reversal of a widely denounced policy that separated parents and children at the border.

The number of family arrivals reached 15,955, a sharp increase from July that Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Kevin McAleenan said was one of the highest on record. Families accounted for more than one-third people who were stopped at the border.

He called the increase "a direct response to gaps in the legal framework," adding, "we're not surprised by it, but it's been a very stark trend."

Overall, people arrested or stopped at the border totaled 46,560, up 17 percent from 39,953 in July and up 52 percent from 30,567 in August 2017. Arrests have risen from July to August in four of the previous five years, indicating seasonal factors may be an influence.

The number of people arriving as families increased 30 percent from July to August, outpacing the overall



In this July 18, 2018 file photo, a Honduran man carries his 3-year-old son as his daughter and other son follow to a transport vehicle after being detained by U.S. Customs and Border Patrol agents in San Luis, Ariz.

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increase.

The numbers offer a glimpse into the impact of the Trump administration's "zero tolerance" policy on illegal crossings introduced in April, which resulted in the separation of more than 2,500 children from their parents. President Donald Trump effectively ended the practice of separating families in June amid heavy criticism.

With the midterm elections looming and immigration a

key issue in congressional races across the country, McAleenan, a Trump appointee, called the situation "a crisis of significant proportions from a humanitarian perspective and a security perspective."

The arrest tally is also the latest reminder of how border crossings have shifted over the last decade from predominantly Mexican men to Central American families and children.

The Border Patrol, which

polices official ports of entry, made 37,544 arrests in August, including 12,774 of people who came as families and 4,396 children traveling alone.

Another 9,016 were stopped elsewhere, including 3,181 who came as families and 376 as unaccompanied children.

Last week, the Trump administration moved to abandon a longstanding court settlement that limits how long immigrant chil-

dren can be kept locked up, proposing new regulations that would allow the government to detain families until their immigration cases are decided.

Administration officials said that ending the so-called Flores agreement of 1997 will speed up the handling of asylum requests while also deterring people from illegally crossing the border. The move angered immigrant rights advocates and is all but certain to trigger a court battle.

Border arrests are an imperfect gauge of illegal crossings because they don't indicate how many people got away.

Trump touted border arrests when they fell sharply during his first few months in office to less than 16,000 in April 2017. The arrest tally rose in 11 of the following 12 months, topping 50,000 in March, April and May of this year. The administration said Tuesday that it will expand its tent shelter for immigrant minors crossing the border to 3,800 beds and keep it open through the end of this year. The facility at Tornillo, Texas, which originally opened with a 360-bed capacity for 30 days, is being expanded based on how many children are in the care of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. □

## NYC to add nonbinary 'X' designation to birth certificates

**NEW YORK (AP)** — People born in New York City who don't identify as male or female will have the option of changing their birth certificates to "X" under legislation passed Wednesday by the City Council.

The bill adopted by a 41-6 vote will also allow parents to choose the "X" designation

for their newborns, and it will permit adults to change the gender on their birth certificates without an affidavit from a doctor or mental health professional. "Today is a historic day for New York in its role as a worldwide champion for inclusivity and equality," said City Council Speaker Co-

rey Johnson, a Democrat. "New Yorkers will no longer need a doctor's note to change their gender on their birth certificates, and will no longer be treated as if their identity was a medical issue." Johnson said it's important "to show our constituents that we see them, we have their backs

and we respect them for who they are." Carrie Davis, a transgender advocate who chaired an advisory board on the gender marker change, called the legislation "exceptionally critical during this time of danger and uncertainty regarding health care and human rights for transgender Americans at the national level." Some states including California, Oregon and Montana allow individuals to change the gender on their birth certificates without a note from a doctor, but it's unclear how many jurisdictions allow parents to select a nonbinary option for their newborns. The

option could be used by parents of intersex children or by parents who want their child to be able to choose a gender at a later date. Democratic Mayor Bill de Blasio is expected to sign the bill, which will go into effect Jan. 1.

Prior to 2014, New Yorkers seeking to change the gender on their birth certificates had to have undergone gender confirmation surgery first.

Legislation Johnson introduced then allowed people to change their birth certificates without surgery but left the requirement for a doctor's note in place. The new law eliminates it. □

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## Protesters angered by Dallas shooting bring halt to meeting

By RYAN TARINELLI

**DALLAS (AP)** — Protesters condemning the shooting death of a black man in his Dallas apartment by a white off-duty police officer disrupted a city council meeting Wednesday, prompting a recess to quell the outbursts.

Mayor Mike Rawlings temporarily halted the proceedings as dozens of demonstrators chanted "No justice, no peace" and people in the crowd repeatedly interrupted council discussions by angrily denouncing city and police officials.

Protest leaders said they want the city to establish a civilian board to review police conduct and that it be given the power to subpoena.

"It must have teeth. It must have subpoena power. It must be able to hold these police officers accountable for what they do," said demonstrator Olinka Green. "Because if we were to do the same thing, you guarantee we'd be locked up tight."

Demonstrators expressed their anger over the death Thursday of 26-year-old Botham Jean, who was shot after the officer says she mistook Jean's apartment for her own.

Police used "pepper balls" on some of about 200 protesters at a demonstration on Monday. The next day, Police Chief U. Renee Hall criticized the use of the projectiles and ordered police investigators to conduct a

review of the matter.

Pepper balls, which usually contain the chemical in pepper spray, should only be used if there is an immediate threat to the public or if a commander at the scene calls for them to be used, Hall said. The projectiles irritate the nose and eyes.

Hall said she wants to meet with protest leaders to "address their concerns."

Monday's demonstration, which began outside Dallas police headquarters, came a day after officer Amber Guyger was arrested on a manslaughter charge in the death of Jean. She was released on bond.

The latest protest followed some initial praise from community leaders about how Dallas officials handled the aftermath of the shooting. Police acknowledged within hours that the officer made a mistake, turned over the investigation to independent state authorities and reached out to the Jean's family.

Jean grew up in the Caribbean island nation of Saint Lucia before attending college in Arkansas. He graduated from Harding University in 2016 and had been working for accounting firm PwC.

Attorneys for Jean's family have criticized the officer's account of the shooting, saying it contradicted statements from neighbors. The officer's description of what happened was included in an arrest affi-

davit prepared by a Texas Ranger and released Monday, shortly after the district attorney announced that the case would be presented to a grand jury, which could decide on more serious charges than manslaughter.

Benjamin Crump, an attorney for Jean's family, said Monday that the affidavit is "very self-serving." Lee Merritt, who also represents the family, called it an attempt to "condone what happened, give her a break."

Guyger, a four-year veteran of the police force, told investigators that she had just ended a 15-hour shift Thursday when she returned in uniform to the South Side Flats apartment complex. She parked on the fourth floor, instead of the third, where she lived, according to the affidavit, possibly suggesting that she was confused or disoriented.

When she put her key in the apartment door, which was unlocked and slightly ajar, it opened, the affidavit said. Inside, the lights were off, and she saw a figure in the darkness that cast a large silhouette across the room, according to the officer's account.

The officer told police that she concluded her apartment was being burglarized and gave verbal commands to the person, who ignored them. She then drew her weapon and fired twice, the affidavit said.

She called 911 and, when asked where she was, re-



**Brandt Jean, center left, brother of shooting victim Botham Jean, hugs his sister Allisa Charles-Findley, during a news conference outside the Frank Crowley Courts Building on Monday, Sept. 10, 2018, in Dallas, about the shooting of Botham Jean by Dallas police officer Amber Guyger on Thursday. He was joined by his mother, Allison Jean, second from left, and attorney Benjamin Crump, second from right, as attorney Lee Merritt, right, speaks to the media.**

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turned to the front door to see she was in the wrong unit, according to the affidavit. Authorities have not released the 911 tapes.

The Dallas County medical examiner's office said Jean died of a gunshot wound to the chest. His death was ruled a homicide.

Merritt said Monday that two independent witnesses have told him they heard knocking on the door in the hallway before the shooting. He said one witness reported hearing a woman's voice saying, "Let me in! Let me in!" Then they heard gunshots, after which one witness said she heard a man's voice say, "Oh my God! Why did you do that?" Merritt said he believes those were Jean's last words.

Dallas County District Attorney Faith Johnson emphasized that her office was conducting its own probe, in addition to the investiga-

tion by the Texas Rangers. She will have the option of presenting more serious charges to the grand jury.

It's not clear if Guyger has an attorney.

Guyger's blood was drawn at the scene to be tested for alcohol and drugs, according to Hall, but authorities have not released results. □





# EU lawmakers move to punish Hungary over rule of law

By **LORNE COOK**  
**PABLO GORONDI**

**BRUSSELS (AP)** — Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban suffered a rare political setback Wednesday as European Union lawmakers voted to pursue unprecedented action against his government for allegedly undermining the bloc's democratic values and rule of law. Hungary called the action fraudulent and vowed to challenge it. Despite the official rebuke, Orban is showing no signs of compromise.

While he seeks to keep his ruling Fidesz party within the conservative European People's Party, or EPP, the largest and most powerful group in the European assembly, its possible ouster may push him closer to other far-right groups in Europe, like the nationalist Alternative for Germany (AfD) or France's National Rally led by Marine le Pen. The lawmakers voted 448-197 in favor of a report recommending the launch of a so-called Article 7 procedure, which could lead to the suspension of Hungary's EU voting rights. Needing a two-thirds majority to pass, it was approved by 69.4 percent of the lawmakers. For years, Orban had been able to deflect much of the international condemnation aimed at him. Critics say Hungary's electoral system favors the governing parties; media freedoms and judicial independence are dwindling; corruption and the enrichment of Orban allies with EU and state funds are on the rise; asylum-seekers and refugees are mistreated; and there are efforts to limit the activities of nongovernmental organizations.

While Orban occasionally made minor amendments to disputed laws and policies to appease the EU, the essence of his efforts to centralize power within his own ever-expanding office has not really changed since he returned to government in 2010 with a two-thirds majority. Hungary quickly adopted a new constitution following eight calamitous years of Social-



Members of the European Parliament take part in a vote in Strasbourg, eastern France, Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018.

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ist Party governments that led the country to the brink of bankruptcy.

"Orban will continue to represent the hard-line policies sliding toward an authoritarian regime, as until now," said Andras Biro-Nagy, co-director of Policy Solutions, a political research institute in Budapest. "Should he exit the EPP, he may believe that he has an even freer hand to bring increasingly restrictive policies which constrict the democratic environment."

Hungarian Foreign Minister Peter Szijarto, echoing Orban's longtime position that allowed him to win a third consecutive term in April, called the vote "petty revenge" against Hungary for its tough anti-migrant policies.

"This decision condemning Hungary and the Hungarian people was made because we Hungarians have demonstrated that migration is not a necessary process and that migration can be stopped," Szijarto said in Budapest.

On Orban's orders, fences were built in 2015 on Hungary's southern borders with Serbia and Croatia to divert the flow of migrants, and the country has adopted increasingly restrictive asylum rules.

Orban has framed the mi-

gration issue, which he predicts will be the main theme of European elections next year, as one that goes beyond party lines. He met with Italian Interior Minister Matteo Salvini last month in Milan. He referred to Salvini, the leader of the right-wing League party and a staunch opponent of migration, as his "hero." If Orban and his Fidesz party are ousted from the EPP, he is likely to look to strengthen his links to the far-right in Europe. For now, Orban says he does not want to leave the EPP but simply reform it into a party opposing migration.

"Orban will invest even more energies than until now to build a 'Plan B' with the extreme-right leaders in Europe, from Salvini to Le Pen to Germany's AfD," said Biro-Nagy. "Orban's true friends are no longer in the EPP; his true friends are in the European extreme-right."

Hungary claimed its defeat in the European Parliament involved "massive fraud" since 48 abstentions weren't counted in the final tally, which made it easier to reach the needed majority. Szijarto said Hungary was considering legal options to appeal the result.

However, according to Article 354 of the Lisbon

Treaty, reforms adopted in 2007 after the EU expanded from 15 to 27 members, "for the purposes of Article 7 of the Treaty on European Union, the European Parliament shall act by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast." This would seemingly exclude abstentions from the tally.

Orban's critics and opponents were elated by the outcome. Judith Sargentini, who presented the report prepared by the European Parliament's Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, called it "a historic result for Hungarian and for European citizens."

"Viktor Orban's government has been leading the charge against European values by silencing independent media, replacing critical judges, and putting academia on a leash," Sargentini said. "The Hungarian people deserve better. They deserve freedom of speech, non-discrimination, tolerance, justice and equality, all of which are enshrined in the European treaties."

Several NGOs targeted by the Orban government with restrictive rules — including a special tax on activities considered as promoting immigration and the criminalization of the aiding of asylum-seekers

and refugees — also hailed the vote.

"We welcome the European Parliament's decision to defend the rule of law and confront the Hungarian government's attempts to shut down civil society and independent voices in the media and academia," said Heather Grabbe, director of the Open Society European Policy Institute. "MEPs across the political spectrum have taken a historic stand in defending the EU's democratic values and the rights of its citizens." Grabbe's organization is part of the Open Society Foundations set up by Hungarian-American billionaire and philanthropist George Soros, an ideological opponent of Orban and blamed by the Hungarian leader for promoting mass immigration into Europe. Soros repeatedly has denied the allegations.

The Hungarian Helsinki Committee, which offers legal aid to asylum seekers and refugees and has been a frequent target of Orban's criticism, said the EU vote "has made it clear that illiberal democracy is against the core values of the European Union."

Even EPP leader Manfred Weber, who earlier was supportive of Orban and is seeking to become the European Commission president next year, said he had voted for triggering Article 7.

"I have always been in favor of building bridges and I want to continue to do so, but yesterday (Tuesday) I didn't see any readiness from the Hungarian PM to make a move towards his EU partners and address our concerns," Weber tweeted.

While Weber had urged him to show a willingness to compromise on some issues, Orban said his policies wouldn't change.

"I have nothing to compromise about since the questions they objected to were decided by the Hungarian people," Orban said Tuesday in Strasbourg, France, after the debate on Hungary. "There is nothing to talk about." □





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# Newspaper reprints controversial cartoon of Serena Williams

By ROD McGUIRK  
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)

— A cartoon of Serena Williams that has been widely condemned as a racist depiction of the tennis great has been partially reprinted on the front page of the Melbourne-based newspaper that initially published it. The Herald Sun newspaper printed an edited portion of the cartoon — featuring 23-time Grand Slam winner Williams jumping on a broken racket during her dispute with a chair umpire in the U.S. Open final — among caricatures of other famous people Wednesday under the headline "Welcome to the PC World."

The newspaper, which has Australia's largest circulation, has defended its cartoonist Mark Knight's depiction of Williams and is asserting that the condemnation, which has come from around the world, is driven by political correctness.

"If the self-appointed censors of Mark Knight get their way on his Serena Williams cartoon, our new politically correct life will be very dull indeed," the paper said on its front page.

Williams has won the Australian Open singles title seven times at Melbourne Park, including in 2017 when she was pregnant. She is a crowd favorite at the first tennis major of the year, which is held each January at a venue that is within sight of the Herald Sun's headquarters.

In comments published by News Corp., Knight said he created the cartoon after watching Williams' "tantrum" during her U.S. Open final loss to Naomi Osaka on Saturday and that it was designed to illustrate "her poor behavior on the day, not about race."



Melbourne-based newspaper Herald Sun displays a controversial cartoon of Serena Williams that has been widely condemned as a racist depiction of the tennis great, in Melbourne, Australia, Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018.

Associated Press

Knight reportedly has disabled his Twitter account after his post of the cartoon attracted tens of thousands of comments, mostly critical.

During the final against Osaka, Williams got a warning from the chair umpire for violating a rarely enforced rule against receiving coaching from the sidelines. An indignant Williams emphatically defended herself, denying she had cheated. A short time later, she smashed her racket in frustration and was docked a point. She protested and demanded an apology from the umpire, who penalized her a game.

Critics of Knight's cartoon described it as a clear example of a stereotype facing black women, depicting Williams as an irate, hulking, big-mouthed black woman jumping up and down on a broken racket. The umpire was shown tell-

ing a blond, slender woman — meant to be Osaka, who is Japanese and Haitian — "Can you just let her win?"

"I was deeply offended. This is not a joke," said Vanessa K. De Luca, former editor-in-chief of Essence magazine, who wrote a column about the U.S. Open furor. The cartoonist "completely missed the point of why she was upset," De Luca told The Associated Press. "It was about her integrity, and anybody who doesn't get that is perpetuating the erasure that so many black women feel when they are trying to speak up for themselves. It's like our opinions don't matter."

In a social media post, Peter Blunden, managing director of News Corp.'s operations in the state of Victoria, said: "Australia's finest cartoonist Mark Knight has the strongest support of his colleagues for his depiction

of Serena Williams' petulance. It's about bad behavior, certainly not race. The PC brigade are way off the mark ... again."

This isn't the first time a cartoon in a News Corp. newspaper has drawn allegations of racism. In 2009, civil rights leaders and others criticized a New York Post cartoon that some interpreted as comparing President Barack Obama to a violent chimpanzee.

In Britain, where fiercely competitive tabloids often trade in sensationalism, Rupert Murdoch-owned newspapers have been accused of sexism, racism and xenophobia over the years. Last year a former editor of the Murdoch-owned Sun, Kelvin MacKenzie, quit as a contributor to the tabloid after writing a column comparing a soccer player with part-Nigerian heritage to a gorilla.

Many years of outrage over

articles and cartoons did little to hurt Murdoch's power over British politics and media, though his papers' underhanded practices did. Murdoch was forced to shut down the 168-year-old tabloid News of the World in 2011 after the revelation that its employees had eavesdropped on the phone voice mails of celebrities, politicians and crime victims.

Australian indigenous playwright and actress Nakkiah Lui tweeted in response to the front page, saying the Herald Sun needed to "chill."

"Freedom of speech doesn't mean freedom above criticism," she said.

"What we have is a bunch of people who get paid to publicly exercise their implied freedom to speech then whining when people disagree with what they have had the privilege of being paid to say," she added.

Australian writer Maxine Beneba Clarke said she believed the front page demonstrated a "misunderstanding" of the criticism leveled at the cartoon.

"I think it's really interesting that the Herald Sun has not included really any other caricatures or cartoons of black people — either Aboriginal people or African-American people, black people of any descent," Clarke, who is of Afro-Caribbean descent, told Australian Broadcasting Corp. Cartoonist Paul Zanetti, a friend of Knight, said cartooning was under threat from political correctness, and the Herald Sun front page "spelt out exactly where we are at this point." "Political correctness is really all about censoring, it's about being bullied into conforming to a view of the world," he said. □



# UN says Syria's Idlib civilians should not be taken hostages

By **BASSEM MROUE**  
**JAMEY KEATEN**

**BEIRUT (AP)** — U.N. investigators warned Wednesday that a war against some 10,000 extremists in north-western Syria should not take 3 million people hostages. They added that the expected attack by Syrian troops on Idlib province would make other battles in the country look minor. The U.N. Commission of Inquiry said government forces carried out three chemical weapons attacks in Syria and that violence displaced the largest number of people the year, the largest since the conflict began in 2011.

It warned that an attack on Idlib "with little regard for civilian life would generate a catastrophic human rights and humanitarian crisis." It called on parties to the conflict to protect civilians, as required by international humanitarian law.

Government forces have been massing troops on the edge of Idlib in preparation for an offensive on the last major rebel stronghold in Syria.

Government bombardment of Idlib has dropped as of Tuesday after days of stepped up bombing campaign against the Syrian opposition's last bastion in the country.

A summit between Russia, Turkey, and Iran on Friday



In this Tuesday Sept. 11, 2018 photo, Muhammed Halife, 5, who says was injured during bombing, stands at his school in the northern town of Jisr al-Shughur, Syria, west of the city of Idlib.

Associated Press

failed to bring about a settlement. Iran and Russia are main backers of the government while Turkey backs the opposition.

"Idlib should not become the next massacre, the final massacre in the battles in Syria and common sense now needs to prevail," Commissioner Hanny Megally told reporters after the release of the report. The civilian population "should not be held hostage to a war on terror."

U.N. Special Envoy to Syria Staffan de Mistura said last month that 10,000 al-Qaida-linked fighters and their

families are located in the densely populated region, which is now home to 2.9 million people. Many of those have been displaced from other parts of Syria in recent years.

Commission Chair Paulo Pinheiro said the presence of 3 million civilians in the area is "something that has to move the powers involved in the decision."

"You are fighting 10,000 armed people, terrorists, and the 3 million population will be the price to fight," said Pinheiro. "Of course we don't have anything against fighting terror-

ists but something has to be done to protect the rights of the 3 million people and (including) 1 million children." "All the other disasters would be minor events compared to what can happen in Idlib," he said.

The inquiry blamed the government for chlorine gas attacks during its offensive on eastern suburbs of the capital Damascus known as eastern Ghouta and on Idlib as well.

"To recapture eastern Ghouta in April, government forces launched numerous indiscriminate attacks in densely populated civilian

areas, which included the use of chemical weapons," the report said.

It said in the Idlib attack, government helicopters dropped at least two barrels carrying chlorine payloads in the Taleel area near the town of Saraqeb. The eastern Ghouta attack occurred in Douma.

"The Commission concludes that, on these two occasions, government forces and/or affiliated militias committed the war crimes of using prohibited weapons and launching indiscriminate attacks in civilian populated areas in eastern Ghouta," it said.

It said the Douma attacks occurred on Jan. 22 and Feb. 1. The report added that "specifically, the munitions documented were built around industrially produced Iranian artillery rockets known to have been supplied to forces commanded by the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic."

The U.S., Britain and France launched a missile attack in April to punish President Bashar Assad for another chlorine attack that they blamed the government.

The White House warned Assad last week that if he chooses to use chemical weapons in the offensive against Idlib, the U.S. and its allies "will respond swiftly and appropriately." □

## Cambodian prime minister says 'let us fix our own problems'



Prime Minister Hun Sen of Cambodia gestures as he talks about his vision for the Mekong region in the World Economic Forum on ASEAN at the National Convention Center Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018 in Hanoi, Vietnam.

Associated Press

By **ELAINE KURTENBACH**  
**MINH VAN TRAN**

Associated Press

**HANOI, Vietnam (AP)** —

Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen slammed criticism by outsiders of political issues in the Mekong region,

saying Wednesday that the countries should be allowed to solve their own problems.

Speaking at a World Economic Forum gathering in Hanoi, Hun Sen heatedly defended Myanmar against accusations its security forces have engaged in genocide against its Rohingya minority.

Hun Sen said other countries do not understand the problems that Myanmar and its neighbors face.

"The situation in Myanmar is more serious because it has been accused of genocide, but do those who

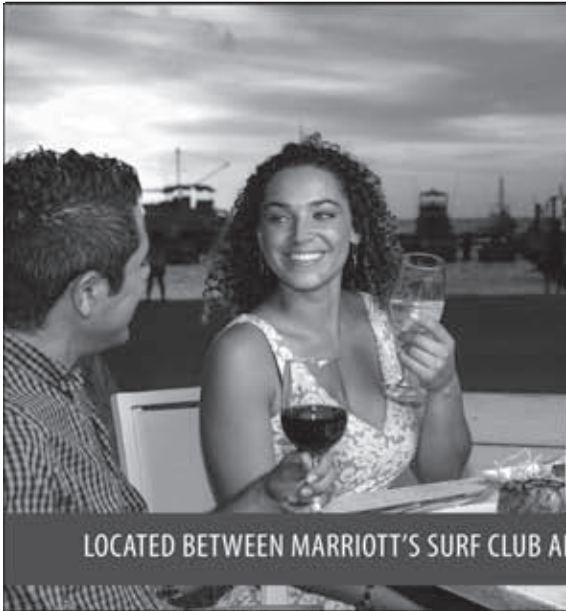
might accuse them know about Myanmar and do they know how to solve the situation up there?" he said, as he sat on the stage with Myanmar's leader, Nobel Peace Prize laureate Aung San Suu Kyi, and leaders from Vietnam, Laos and Thailand.

Cambodia's one-party legislature confirmed Hun Sen for another five-year term last week, cementing his status as one of the world's longest-serving leaders.

The 66-year-old Hun Sen has been in power for 33 years and declared before the election that he intend-

ed to serve two more terms. Speaking vehemently at the end of a day of seminars and speeches focused on economic and development issues, he said Vietnam and Laos, with their communist, one-party governments, and Thailand's military-led government should be allowed to be "peaceful politically." Governments in Europe and elsewhere should not try to impose conditions on them, he said. "The countries that do not know our countries, please leave us to solve our problems for ourselves," he said. □





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# In South Sudan, some children work in mines to survive

By SAM MEDNICK

Associated Press

**KAPOETA, South Sudan (AP)** — Stained with mud,

the 8-year-old traces her fingers over the infected wound on her elbow. "It's hard work digging and the shovel is heavy. I just want to be in school," Losika Losepio said.

Standing in a gold mine outside the South Sudan town of Kapoeta, the girl says she digs pits and sifts through soil daily so that her family can sell gold to buy food. Sometimes she works so late that she sleeps in the mines overnight, she said.

South Sudan's five-year civil war has devastated the economy, fueling child labor in some of the country's most impoverished regions. Mineral-rich yet exceptionally poor, Kapoeta state has been plagued by severe hunger during the conflict. Losepio's father can't afford to educate all nine of his kids so he sends four to school and keeps the others back to work in the mines. The youngest is 5 years old.

On a visit last month, the AP saw dozens of haggard children working in an artisanal mine 20 kilometers (12 miles) outside Kapoeta town as well as children doing other hard labor throughout the city. Small boys pushed wheelbarrows stacked with jerry cans of water along uneven dirt roads, while others sold secondhand clothes in a makeshift market under the scorching sun.

More than 600 children, mostly between 8 and 12,



In this photo taken Monday, Aug. 6, 2018, eight-year-old girl Losika Losepio, right, stands with other child miners including her five-year-old sister, left, at a gold mine outside the town of Kapoeta, South Sudan.

are estimated to be working in a range of industries in Kapoeta including mining, retail and hospitality, according to the government, which has called the situation "urgent" and compounded by general ignorance and neglect in the community.

"The number of children working is increasing day by day ... People don't care how old or young a child is," Jennifer Edward, minister for humanitarian and gender in Kapoeta state, told The Associated Press.

"Local businessmen use kids to sell commodities for them in exchange for food," said Josephine Modong, a local aid worker. According to the International Labor Organization, a U.N. agency focused

on setting labor standards and policies, a child is not allowed to work below a country's minimum legal age, which is 15 in most nations. Some less developed countries such as South Sudan have a minimum working age of 14 or younger. Hazardous work such as mining, however, which falls under the category of "worst forms of child labor," can't be carried out until a person turns 18, the ILO says.

While South Sudan's government doesn't have countrywide statistics on child workers, it maintains that the problem isn't "catastrophic" and that employers abide by international laws, said Mary Hillary Wani, undersecretary for the ministry of labor.

She wasn't aware, howev-

er, that children were working in mines anywhere in the country.

Kapoeta's government said it is trying to crack down on the issue by raising awareness and advocating for children to stay in school, but that changing mindsets will take time. At least one local organization is attempting to get children out of the workforce and into classrooms. Ten years ago, the U.S.-born Gregory McClerkin helped found Hope4Sudan, a primary school supported by a Pentecostal church back home that provides free education for children as well as room and board for those in need. More than 200 children are registered including street kids and former child laborers.

"I wanted to help by bring-

ing education and knowledge to a dark place," McClerkin told the AP.

Titus Lopir was 8 when he began washing dishes at a hotel in Kapoeta town. For two years the child worked daily without pay in exchange for food and shelter, lighting the fire in the kitchen at night, cooking for the staff and cleaning up after customers while eating the scraps off their plates.

"It was hard but I had no choice," said the boy, who lost his mother when he was younger and never knew his father. Now 12, he's been in and out of class at the boarding school for two years, often disappearing for months to make money selling stolen phones or secondhand clothes.

Staring at the floor, the boy says he wants to stay put and study to be a doctor.

"It's better to be in school," he said. "We can learn to help ourselves and our community." □





# Months of deadly unrest devastate Nicaragua's economy

By CHRISTOPHER SHERMAN  
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Associated Press

**LEON, Nicaragua (AP)** — Two days after protests began in Nicaragua in April, a foreign auto components company was meeting at a hotel in the city of Leon when smoke from a burning university building just a block away billowed above the hotel's colonnaded courtyard. The visitors quickly cut short their event and began changing their travel plans to exit Nicaragua. Within three months, the El Convento hotel itself was forced to close for lack of business, as a sister hotel in the same city had in June. Nicaragua's economy has been devastated by the nearly five months of unrest sparked by cuts to social security benefits that quickly evolved into calls for President Daniel Ortega to step down. In June, the country's economic activity was down 12.1 percent compared to a year earlier, according to the central bank. Economists estimate 200,000 jobs have been shed, including as many as 70,000 in the tourism sector, which has become Nicaragua's top source of foreign currency in the past two years. Revenue at hotels and restaurants plunged 45 percent in June compared to 2017, according to Nicaragua's central bank. Similarly, construction suffered a 35 percent drop and retail 27 percent. Some \$900 million in deposits fled Nicaragua's banks. They responded by tightening their lending to preserve liquidity, thus also contributed to the economic slowdown. Nicaraguan Union of Agricultural Producers says more than 12,000 acres of private land have been occupied by government supporters in what business leaders have called confiscations in revenge for their support of the protesters. The producers say 91 percent of the land occupied by squatters was used for farming and livestock. Victor Hugo Sevilla, the



In this Sept 7, 2018 photo, a man walks in the empty and shuttered halls of the Oriental Market during a 24 hour national strike, in Managua, Nicaragua.

general manager of both Leon hotels, continues checking email, but said "I haven't gotten any requests from foreigners for reservations. We have received five, maybe eight, rate inquiries from domestic (travelers), but no firm reservations." Leon, Nicaragua's second-largest city, was among the places where protests and roadblocks were most intense. From the beginning, those protests were met with violence from riot police and civilian government supporters. In July, they violently cleared the roadblocks and ran protesting students off occupied university campuses. More than 300 people have been killed in the unrest, according to human rights groups. The government calls the protesters "terrorists" and says it defeated an attempt to drive Ortega from office that was sponsored by the U.S. government and domestic opposition, including some in the private sector. Ortega conceded this month that the roadblocks and unrest have cost the country jobs. In an interview with Spanish news agency EFE, he said domestic tourism was starting to return, but "where there has been more of a problem is in at-

tracting international tourism, because this situation tends to repel the tourists." A major factor has been that the countries that send Nicaragua's big-spending foreign tourists, including the U.S., Canada, Spain and England, issued travel warnings urging their citizens to avoid travel to Nicaragua. Major airlines such as American and United cut their flights to Managua from three per day to one. Spirit, Delta and other carriers trimmed their flights as well, said Jose Adan Aguerri, president of the Superior Council for Private Enterprise. The council, which is Nicaragua's main business chamber, joined the call for a national strike Sept. 7. The Civic Alliance, formed to represent a broad swath of Nicaraguan society in a stalled dialogue with the government, said the strike aimed to push the government back to dialogue and to protest the arrest of alliance members and other political prisoners. The country's primary tourist destinations like the colonial gem Granada and the Pacific coast surfer paradise San Juan del Sur began feeling the consequences of the unrest almost immediately. Hotels

and restaurants cut back hours, then days and eventually closed completely. For years, Ortega enjoyed a relatively stable relationship with private business. Since returning to power in 2007, the one-time Marxist rebel commander had softened his views and largely left Nicaragua's private sector to do what it wanted. The relationship was criticized by some as a tacit agreement to keep the country's business elites out of politics. In an interview in July with Venezuela's Telesur network, Ortega said his understanding with Nicaragua's private sector had been strictly economic and not political. In April, however, the country's business interests, caught off guard by the social security system changes, quickly joined the opposition. As the social and political crisis deepened, the private sector became increasingly outspoken in calling for Ortega to move up elections. Mario Arana, director of the Nicaragua Association of Producers and Exporters and a former head of the central bank, said the private sector decided to get more involved when student protesters were killed. "When there was an over-reaction here to a civil,

peaceful protest by the students, where people began to lose their lives, society suffered a social explosion where the private sector aligned with the people," he said. "The private sector is committed to trying to find a negotiated exit from the crisis." Juan Sebastian Chamorro, who leads the Nicaraguan Foundation for Economic and Social Development, said the government has shown signs that it recognizes the severity of the economic impact. It has issued new debt, adjusted rules to tighten the selling of dollars and cut public spending as it forecasts a 10 percent drop in tax revenue. Whether any of that will be enough to stop the economy's slide is doubtful unless it's accompanied by a political solution that restores stability, experts said. For years Leon had been at best a day trip for foreign tourists beginning to explore better-known Granada or San Juan del Sur. But the city had worked hard to get attention and Art Collection Hotels had bet on its prospects by opening its second hotel, La Recoleccion, in 2017. "We had high expectations for this year," said Sevilla, the manager of the closed hotels. He had 113 employees between the two properties. They were able to suspend 67, which will enable them to come back without losing any benefits of seniority, but the rest were laid off. He has remained in touch with some of the workers. Those still around are taking whatever work they can find, but he estimated at least half left the country, with most of those seeking tourism sector jobs in Costa Rica. The hotels have 190 reservations for November — the start of the high season — but that's less than half what they had in November last year. Still, he hopes they can start working their way back again in October. Even if that works out, he predicts a slow climb back to normalcy. □



## LOCAL



## Helping Hands for Less Fortunate Children

By Linda Reijnders

**SAN NICOLAS** — Helping Hand Foundation is an organization that contributes to the less fortunate children of Aruba. One of the volunteers is Aruba Today's highly appreciated photo columnist Steve Francees. Steve shares his personal experience with us about the rewarding volunteer work of Helping Hand Foundation.

Steve: "Our main focus is the children in foster homes and in families that can't take care of them. Two weeks ago we decided to help the illegal Venezuelans on the island with grocery and also medicine for some children/babies that don't have a legal status on the island, so also no medical insurance." The foundation wishes to offer a unique learning & growing experience to the less fortunate children of Aruba between the ages of 9 and 12, through dedication, courage and collaboration with other similar foundations. Helping Hand Foundation works closely with other foundations in the selection process to ensure that every child in need and that is part of our target group gets the chance to experience the fun. Their primary focus is to design well thought out "Fun



Camps" during which besides fun and education, open communication and bonding between the crew and the children are cen-

tralized. These "Fun Camps" will primarily take place during school breaks, however they also aim to maintain contact with the children every month at social gatherings; movie nights, rides and other get-togethers.

### We Are A team

Steve recently took four kids on a day out to have fun. "These kids are all born in Aruba by illegal parents, so they still have no identity (ID), their mother is now in the Dominican Republic and can't take care of herself. The father is somewhere on Aruba, still illegal and the kids ended up at their grandmother, living all in one bedroom house." So for the last 6 years, the foundation has been taking care of them: school, foster care, court, police and so on, and this year they accepted them in Imeldahoff and the two girls in Casa Cuna, both children's homes. "It's not me only, but we are a team of volunteers working in our neighborhood. This is one case but we had a lot more over the last years." Every year they visit the children's department at the hospital as well as other departments on Mother's

Day and Father's Day, they organize a Christmas program for Cas Marie (home for demented elderly) and they have organized a kids choir and kids camps, a children program, help cancer patients and so on.

### Support

"We don't get any support from the government, what we do is 100% out of our own pocket of the team that we are working with. We believe that we need to serve the needy and give support to whoever need it." At this moment their focus is to support children that have one of their parents died of cancer and the foundation is taking care of two now. "We are also helping a teenager that suffers from a very rare disease and he couldn't continue with his study for this reason. Yesterday his sister told me that he wants to be a Barista, and the Foundation decided helping him paying for his course."

More information about the foundation is to be found at Facebook: Helping Hand Foundation Aruba ☐





## American Airlines adds 3rd daily frequency from Miami to Aruba



ORANJESTAD – Aruba Airport Authority N.V. (AAA) and Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA) are pleased to announce American Airlines 3rd daily frequency between Miami and Aruba for the upcoming winter season 2018 - 2019.

This latest development in service comes several months after American Airlines introduced two new non – stop Saturday only flights from Dallas and Chicago leading to a welcome expansion as well as diversification in gateways out of the US market. Currently American Airlines operates double daily (14x) flights out of Miami and Charlotte and 5 weekly flights from Philadelphia. As of this winter American Airlines will now be servicing Aruba out of five gateways with a total of 42 weekly flights.

The 3rd Miami flight initiates on December 19th, 2018 and will run throughout the complete winter season ending March 31st, 2019, adding a total of 85 flights for a total of 13,800 seats. The route will be operated by a B737 – 800. The new frequency is already out – for – sale since Saturday, September, 8th, 2018. “The addition of extra flights to Aruba is a clear reflection of the solid partnership and high demand for the destination. Seeing the fact that Aruba is the perfect spot to spend the cold winter days at, we are convinced that the decision to provide additional seats to Aruba will indeed be very fruitful for both the airline and the travelers seeking for more travel options to and from Aruba,” said AAA CEO Mr. James Fazio.

We are delighted to welcome the extra flights of American Airlines. Dallas and Chicago are both critical gateways for Aruba, strategically important for our diversification strategy within the US market. American Airlines continuously ranks amongst the top 3 preferred carriers serving Aruba, said ATA CEO Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes.

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## Quota International Neon Family Fun Walk

ORANJESTAD — Quota International Aruba is a service club comprised of executive women who organize various activities in order to be of service to the Aruban community. They concentrate on helping the hearing and visually impaired and also the women and children in distress.

One of their annual activities is the Shatter Silence Week. This event has been held for 30 consecutive years. It reflects on the big dark silence in which a person falls when they lose their hearing. With the loss of their hearing they lose total communication with the outside world. Your hearing is what determines your senses and a good communication with others. One of the main goals of Quota International of Aruba, is to bring awareness to our community and to emphasize the importance of taking care and protecting of your hearing. The Shatter Silence Week will take place from September 17th till September 21st of 2018.

Quota International Aruba will be starting the Shatter Silence Week with a Neon Family Fun walk. This will take place on Saturday September 15th 2018 at the Goldmine Ruins at Bushiribana. The events starts at 7pm. The route will be Bushiribana to Natural Bridge and back to Bushiribana. Every one registered for the walk will receive a neon stick and refreshments. To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the club there will be an additional prize for the best decorated shirt for this event.

For more information visit their facebook page Quota international Aruba. □





# Team Aruba celebrates historical weekend at the prestigious NHRA U.S. Nationals



**INDIANAPOLIS** — Like any true drag racer, Trevor Eman and Team Aruba dreamt of racing on the biggest stage the sport has to offer. Their successful saga with Mountain Motor Pro Stock (MMPS) has never crossed paths with this revered event - until

now. The National Hot Rod Association invited a select few MMPS teams to make exhibition runs at the 2018 U.S. Nationals. Team Aruba was one of the privileged attendees, possibly forever changing the course of their racing endeavors.

"It was one of the greatest honors of my career to be invited to the U.S. Nationals," stated driver Trevor Eman. "It's truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and we're very grateful to have been extended the invitation. Simply being on the grounds of Lucas Oil Raceway was electrifying and to race there was an experience I'll never forget." "I cannot put in words how exciting this past weekend was for us," added team owner, Ven Eman. "Can you imagine coming from our small island of Aruba to race with NHRA at the U.S. Nationals? This is a lifelong dream coming true. We were able to put our One Happy Island on drag racing's biggest stage."

The inclusion of MMPS in NHRA's grandest event went beyond simple exhibi-

tion. NHRA said in a public statement that this move was to investigate the possibility of incorporating MMPS with their traditional 500 cu.in. Pro Stocks. "The eight of us there put on a good show," Eman offered. "We debuted our brand new 2018 Jerry Haas-built Aruba.com Mustang and were very pleased with our results. We're excited to see what else this awesome machine will do."

Eman ran a best of 6.38 at 220 miles per hour in his first passes out with the car. "I think it looked real good," Haas said of the Mustang. "They will run real good, especially with more laps on the car". Haas, who is a staunch supporter of the NHRA program, went on to say, "All the eight cars that were there said they were treated with hospital-

ity. In turn, NHRA thought they put on a good show. They're evaluating it to see what comes in the future. Hopefully something will come of it."

"To know that we may be part of changing the course of Pro Stock is a responsibility and privilege we do not take lightly," added Eman. "We want to thank NHRA for giving us this opportunity. We also want to extend a special thank you to all that put this great weekend together. Without our loyal partners AAA Aruba and Aruba Tourism Authority this would never have happened. We also want to thank all the individuals who helped make this happen, including Jerry Haas, John Montecalvo, John Nobile, and Richard Freeman." □

## 5 Benefits of Regular Exercise You Should Know

**ARUBA** — Want to feel better, have more energy and even add years to your life? Just exercise. The health benefits of regular exercise and physical activity are hard to ignore. Everyone benefits from exercise, regardless of age, sex or physical ability.

Need more convincing to get moving? Check out these five ways exercise can lead to a happier, healthier you.

### 1. Exercise controls weight

Exercise can help prevent excess weight gain or help maintain weight loss. When you engage in physical activity, you burn calories. The more intense the activity, the more calories you burn. To reap the benefits of exercise, just get more active throughout your day — take the stairs instead of the elevator or rev up your household chores. Consistency is key.

### 2. Exercise combats health conditions and diseases

Worried about heart disease? Hoping to prevent high blood pressure? No matter what your current weight, being active boosts high-density lipoprotein or "good," cholesterol and decreases unhealthy triglycerides. This one-two punch keeps your blood flowing smoothly, which decreases your risk of cardiovascular diseases. Regular exercise helps prevent or manage a wide range of health problems and concerns, including stroke, metabolic syndrome, type 2 diabetes, depression, a number of types of cancer and arthritis.

### 3. Exercise improves mood

Need an emotional lift? Or need to blow off some steam after a stressful day? A gym session or brisk 30-minute walk can help. Physical activity stimulates various brain chemicals that may leave you feeling happier and more relaxed. You may also feel better about your appearance and yourself when you exercise regularly, which can boost your confidence and improve your self-esteem.

### 4. Exercise boosts energy

Winded by grocery shopping or household chores? Regular physical activity can improve your muscle strength and boost your endurance.

Exercise delivers oxygen and nutrients to your tissues and helps your cardiovascular system work more efficiently. And when your heart and lung health improve, you have more energy to tackle daily chores.

### 5. Exercise promotes better sleep

Struggling to snooze? Regular physical activity can help you fall asleep faster and deepen your sleep. Just don't exercise too close to bedtime, or you may be too energized to fall asleep.

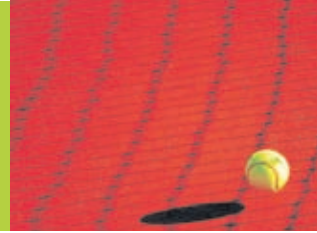
### The bottom line on exercise

Exercise and physical activity are a great way to feel better, boost your health and have fun. Aim for at least 150 minutes per week of moderate-intensity exercise, or 75 minutes per week of vigorous exercise. Try to engage in a combination of vigorous and moderate aerobic exercises, such as running, walking or swimming. Remember to check with your doctor before starting a new exercise program, especially if you haven't exercised for a long time, have chronic health problems, such as heart disease, diabetes or arthritis, or you have any concerns. □





# SPORTS



Novak Djokovic, of Serbia, holds the trophy after defeating Juan Martin del Potro, of Argentina, during the men's final of the U.S. Open tennis tournament, Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018, in New York.

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## Djokovic ready to chase Federer, Nadal

By HOWARD FENDRICH  
AP Tennis Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Now that Novak Djokovic has the same number of Grand Slam titles as his childhood idol, Pete Sampras, it's realistic for him to start thinking about chasing the only two men ahead of him, Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal.

If Djokovic is reluctant to speak publicly about the idea of going from his current total of 14 to Nadal's 17 or Federer's 20, the Serb's coach isn't.

"The 14 is a number. I mean, it's amazing: 14!" Marian Vajda said Sunday night with a giddy chuckle, his eyes wide, after Djokovic got there with a 6-3, 7-6 (4), 6-3 victory over Juan Martin del Potro in the U.S. Open final.

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# FLASH SALE



## Red Sox first to clinch playoff spot

Boston Red Sox starting pitcher Chris Sale delivers during the first inning of a baseball game against the Toronto Blue Jays at Fenway Park in Boston, Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018.

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## Djokovic

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"Years ago, I would say that Rafa and Roger went too far from him, you know? Too (far) ahead of him with the Grand Slams. Now I have a feeling he's (catching) up with them," Vajda continued, slapping the back of his right hand on his left palm for emphasis. "He's so close now, three from Rafa and six — OK, six is still unbelievable — away (from) Roger."

"Amazing" is a perfect word for this trio, which is rightfully back atop the rankings for the first time in 3½ years, with Nadal at No. 1, Federer at No. 2 and, as of Monday, Djokovic at No. 3.

They have combined to win 47 of the past 55 major championships, dating to the 2005 French Open.

That's 85 percent. Quite a contrast to the current state of the women's game, where eight players won the past eight majors. Here's another way to think about it all: When Sampras beat Andre Agassi in the 2002 U.S. Open final, in what would turn out to be Pistol Pete's last professional match, it not only established a new record for men's Slam trophies at 14, it also was two more than anyone else in history had



Novak Djokovic, of Serbia, celebrates after defeating Juan Martin del Potro, of Argentina, in the men's final of the U.S. Open tennis tournament, Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018, in New York.

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managed to collect.

And now? Sampras has been equaled or surpassed by three players — and it's only 16 years later.

Matching him was meaningful to Djokovic, whose earliest memories of tennis involve watching Sampras on TV at Wimbledon.

"There is a lot of significance of me being, now, shoulder-to-shoulder in terms of Grand Slam wins with him. It's truly incredible when you think about it. I watched him win one of his first Wimbledon championships, and I grew up playing and thinking that one day I'll be able to do what

he does," Djokovic said. "To actually be here, it's a dream come true."

Agassi, who finished with eight majors, and Sampras used to credit each with making the other better.

Same goes for the Big 3 of today (with all due respect to Andy Murray, he of the three majors plus two Olympic singles gold medals, it really isn't a Big 4).

"Maybe 10 years ago, I would say I'm not so happy to be part of this era with Nadal and Federer. Actually, today I am. I really am. I feel like these guys, rivalries with these guys, matches with Federer and Nadal,

have made me the player I am, have shaped me into the player I am today," Djokovic said, his shiny silver U.S. Open trophy resting a few feet away. "I have utmost respect for what they have achieved on the court, but also the champions, role models, they are off the court. I think we have pushed each other to the limit every time we get to play each other. For me, that was always an ultimate challenge: to play Nadal or Federer anywhere," Djokovic continued. "I had to figure out early in my career, when I was losing most of the big matches @ the

Grand Slams against them, what it takes for me to actually kind of improve and develop my game to be able to challenge them, to be able to start winning against them when it matters the most. I think that was one of the most important, so to say, moments and periods of my life, my tennis career, my development. I owe it to them."

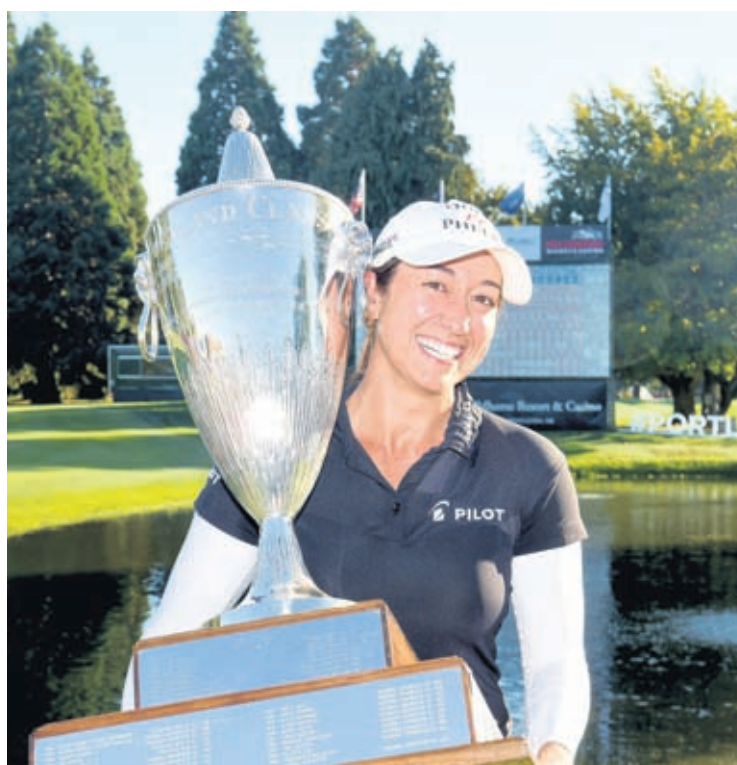
The other beneficiaries: tennis fans.

And now the world gets to watch the next phase of this and wonder: How many more majors can Federer, 37 and coming off a fourth-round exit at the U.S. Open, add to his total? What about Nadal, 32, who retired from his semi-final at Flushing Meadows because of pain in his right knee, a problem off-and-on for years?

After Djokovic, 31, watched them increase their advantages over him while he went more than two years without a major, hampered by an injured right elbow that required surgery in February, he is now got his game in order. He showed off all of his court-covering, foe-frustrating, defense-to-offense skills down the stretch on the way to his third U.S. Open title, claiming the last 16 sets he played.

As Vajda put it: "Back at his best."

Let the chase begin. □



Marina Alex holds the trophy after winning the LPGA Cambia Portland Classic golf tournament in Portland, Ore., Sunday, Sept. 2, 2018.

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## Evian bids farewell to September, and hopefully its weather

By GRAHAM DUNBAR, AP Sports Writer

**EVIAN-LES-BAINS, France (AP)** — The Evian Championship will bid farewell to September, and hopefully its bad weather, when the final women's golf major of the season starts Thursday. It's the final edition of Evian before it reverts to its former July slot in 2019, a move that players hope will avoid more weather-hit days like last year's opening round — which was wiped out by a severe storm.

However, rain and possible thunderstorms are forecast for the first round at the picturesque hillside course

overlooking Lake Geneva, after Wednesday's final practice was held in sunshine and 83-degree (28 C) heat. "It deserves to be played in great conditions," defending champion Anna Nordqvist said Wednesday. "It's really one of the best events we have all year." Nordqvist won her second career major last year in a playoff through a hailstorm that was chilling even to a native Swede.

"Everyone who has grown up in Europe knows that September can be a little sketchy. The 2017 edition saw Thursday's round stopped because of the

storm before all scores were struck and a Friday restart was ordered. Twice in its five years as a major, Evian became a 54-hole event. Evian is also the last chance for the United States to win a women's major this season. The previous four went to Europe or Asia: The ANA Inspiration to Pernilla Lindberg of Sweden, the U.S. Women's Open to second-ranked Ariya Jutanugarn of Thailand, the U.S. Women's PGA to top-ranked Sung Hyun Park of South Korea, and a crowd-pleasing English win for Georgia Hall at the British Women's Open. □



# Patriots, Eagles switch places in latest AP Pro32 poll

By **SIMMI BUTTAR**

AP Sports Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Well that didn't take long.

The Philadelphia Eagles and New England Patriots, who met in the Super Bowl, switched places on Tuesday in the latest AP Pro32 poll.

The defending champion Eagles opened the season on top, with the Patriots a close second.

After the first week of the regular season, it's the Patriots on top with three of the 12 first-place votes and 367 points in balloting by media members who regularly cover the NFL.

The Patriots opened the season with a 27-20 win over the Houston Texans. Tom Brady threw for 277 yards and three touchdowns.

"Tom Brady and Rob Gronkowski put away any offseason speculation about their futures in New England by picking up where they left off," said Jenny Vrentas of The Monday Morning Quarterback. "Just as notable was the much improved performance by the Patriots' defense."

The Eagles received six first-place votes for 366 points despite their sluggish 18-12 win over the Atlanta Falcons.

The Minnesota Vikings re-



New England Patriots defensive back Stephon Gilmore, center, celebrates his interception with Dont'a Hightower, left, and Eric Rowe, right, during the first half of an NFL football game against the Houston Texans, Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018, in Foxborough, Mass.

mained at No. 3 with 363 points. In his first start with the Vikings, Kirk Cousins had 244 yards and two touchdowns in a 24-16 victory over the San Francisco 49ers.

"Solid start for Kirk Cousins at quarterback," said John Clayton of 710 ESPN in Seattle.

The L.A. Rams are close behind again at No. 4. The Rams earned the other three first-place votes for 360 points.

"After a shaky first half,

Rams put on a clinic against the overmatched Raiders and show that (coach) Sean McVay's team looks ready to live up to the Super Bowl hype," Newsday's Bob Glauber said of the Rams' opening 33-13 rout of the Raiders on Monday night.

The Jacksonville Jaguars moved up two spots to No. 5 and face a big test on Sunday when they host the Patriots in a rematch of last season's AFC championship game.

"The Jags have waited almost eight months to avenge a bitter loss in Foxborough that cost them a Super Bowl berth," said Ira Kaufman of Fox 13 in Tampa, Florida.

The Green Bay Packers jumped three spots to No. 6 after Aaron Rodgers led a remarkable comeback from a 20-0 deficit to a 24-23 victory on Sunday night after briefly leaving the game with a knee injury. The Packers will host the Vikings on Sunday in one of

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the top matchups of Week 2.

"Aaron Rodgers and the Packers were impressive in the second half Sunday, but let's be honest, the real test comes against the Vikings," said Charean Williams of Pro Football Talk.

The Kansas City Chiefs moved up six spots to No. 7 after beating the AFC West rival Los Angeles Chargers 38-28. The Chiefs will get another road challenge this week as they head to Heinz Field to face the Pittsburgh Steelers.

The Carolina Panthers rose three spots to No. 8 after topping the Dallas Cowboys 16-8.

The Baltimore Ravens leaped five places to No. 9 after routing the Buffalo Bills 47-3.

The Ravens will open Week 2 when they head to Cincinnati to face the Bengals on Thursday night.

"(The Ravens) look like AFC North favorites," Fox Sports' John Czarnecki said.

The Falcons fell two spots to No. 10. They are scheduled to host the Panthers on Sunday in their home opener at Mercedes-Benz Stadium, site of the next Super Bowl.

The New York Jets, who opened the season in last place, soared to No. 17 after their 48-17 rout of the Detroit Lions, who fell from No. 19 to No. 30. □

## Foles to start for Eagles vs Bucs; Wentz not cleared to play

By **ROB MAADDI**

AP Pro Football Writer

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Nick Foles made the right choice when he picked the Eagles over the Buccaneers last season.

Foles has a Super Bowl MVP award to show for a tough decision that came down to familiarity. Now he'll get a chance to play against Tampa Bay on Sunday because Carson Wentz still isn't ready to return from knee surgery.

"It was close," Foles said about choosing to return to Philadelphia to play be-

hind Wentz instead of going to the Buccaneers to be the backup for Jameis Winston. "My wife and I were weighing all options. She was pregnant. We decided Philly was our home once before, we loved it, we loved the people, we loved the city, and what better place to bring our daughter into the world."

Foles had committed to Arizona State in high school when Buccaneers coach Dirk Koetter was the coach of the Sun Devils. But the Philly connection won out. He is 6-1 filling in since Wen-

tz tore two knee ligaments in Week 14 last year. That record includes playoffs and the final regular-season game, in which Foles played only one quarter.

Wentz had surgery to repair a torn ACL and LCL last Dec. 13 and hasn't been medically cleared to play.

"As training camp progressed, his strength, lower body strength, his upper body strength, all trending in the right direction," coach Doug Pederson said.

Notes: Wentz, WR Alshon Jeffery (shoulder), RB Dar-



In this Sept. 6, 2018 photo, Philadelphia Eagles' Nick Foles throws a pass during the first half of the team's NFL football game against the Atlanta Falcons, in Philadelphia.

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ren Sproles (hamstring) and WR Shelton Gibson (knee) were limited in Wednesday's practice. ... The Eagles signed WR Kamar Aiken and release WR Markus Wheaton. Aiken

was released among the final cuts. Pederson said: "Kamar gives us depth. He gives us experience. He gives us some special teams availability. It's a good fit." □



# Marlins hand deGrom latest hard-luck loss, beat Mets 5-3

By The Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Jacob deGrom took his latest hard-luck loss in a record-setting season, getting out-pitched by Miami's Jose Urena.

DeGrom (8-9) gave up only Lewis Brinson's two-run double in seven stellar innings. The right-hander allowed three hits and struck out nine, his major league-low ERA climbing just a tick from 1.68 to 1.71. He held his opponent to fewer than four runs for the 26th straight start — breaking a big league mark set by King Cole in 1910 with the Chicago Cubs.

All the Mets could muster at the plate was Michael Conforto's solo homer off Urena (6-12) and Kevin Plawewski's two-run shot against Drew Steckenrider with two outs in the ninth.

JT Riddle came off the bench and homered into the right-field upper deck in his first at-bat for Miami since returning from a sore left wrist. After missing five games, Riddle connected in the eighth against reliever Anthony Swarzak.

Brian Anderson had an RBI triple and Derek Dietrich added a run-scoring double off Robert Gsellman in the ninth.

Urena permitted one run and four hits in 6 1/3 innings. **NATIONALS 3, PHILLIES 1, 1st game; NATIONALS 7, PHILLIES 6, 10 innings, 2nd game**

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Juan Soto hit a solo home run in the 10th inning, his second of the game, to lead the Washington Nationals to a 7-6 win over the Philadelphia Phillies and a double-header sweep.

The Nationals rallied for three runs in the ninth inning off Seranthony Dominguez to tie the game at 6-all. Soto, who hit a two-run shot in the fourth, connected off Yacksel Rios (3-2) with one out in the 10th for the winner.

Greg Holland retired the first batters in the 10th before he walked the next two. Holland got Cesar Hernandez to fly out to end the game for his third save. Wander Suero (3-0) got the



Miami Marlins' Lewis Brinson gestures to his teammates after hitting a two-run double during the fourth inning of a baseball game against the New York Mets, Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018, in New York. Associated Press

win.

In the first game, Spencer Kieboom hit his first major league home run after losing a tooth earlier in the day, Erick Fedde (2-3) pitched shutout ball into the sixth inning and the Nationals beat the Phillies 3-1. The Phillies, who were 15 games over .500 in early August and in the thick of NL playoff race, have lost four straight games and are 6-16 since Aug. 18. Phillies starter Nick Pivetta (7-12) was one of seven pitchers to work the opener.

Fedde, making his second start since he missed two months with a sore right shoulder, tossed one-hit ball through five.

**PADRES 2, MARINERS 1**

**SEATTLE (AP)** — Wil Myers lined an RBI double off major league saves leader Edwin Diaz with one out in the ninth inning to lift San Diego.

Diaz entered with the game tied at 1 and struggled without having a chance at his 55th save. Diaz (0-4) gave up singles to Hunter Renfroe and Eric Hosmer leading off the inning. After a strikeout of Franmil Reyes, Myers jumped on the first pitch and pulled it into the left field corner, letting pinch-runner Travis

Jankowski score easily from second.

It was just the second inning all night the Padres put multiple runners on base, but they were able to capitalize on their opportunity unlike the Mariners. Seattle had runners at second and third and no outs in the seventh and failed to score, and loaded the bases with two outs in the eighth inning, and failed to score again. Cameron Maybin, who doubled in the seventh, couldn't come through in the eighth against Craig Stammen (8-2), flying out to the warning track in right to end the threat.

Kirby Yates pitched the ninth inning for his eighth save.

**BRAVES 4, GIANTS 1**

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Mike Foltynewicz pitched a six-hitter to win for the first time in nearly a month, Charlie Culberson hit a two-run homer after entering as an injury replacement and Atlanta sent San Francisco to its 10th straight defeat.

Foltynewicz (11-9) retired 13 straight batters after Evan Longoria's two-out double in the first. The right-hander carried a shutout into the ninth before allowing Brandon Crawford's two-out RBI single. Atlanta's

starter struck out seven and walked one while finishing with 108 pitches. He was still hitting the high 90s on the radar gun in the late innings.

Foltynewicz got his first victory since Aug. 13 against Miami, ending a four-start winless stretch.

Dansby Swanson added an RBI double in the eighth for the NL East-leading Braves, who moved 6 1/2 games ahead of the Phillies in the division.

Ender Inciarte had a sacrifice fly in the fourth then Culberson followed Ronald Acuna Jr.'s leadoff triple in the fifth with his 11th home run. He replaced injured third baseman Johan Camargo, who exited with left groin tightness.

Giants lefty Andrew Suarez (6-11) gave up three runs and six hits in six innings.

**DIAMONDBACKS 6, ROCKIES 3**

**DENVER (AP)** — Ketel Marte drove in four runs, including a two-out, two-run triple to break a sixth-inning tie, reliever Yoshihisa Hirano helped Arizona weather a ninth-inning scare for his first big league save and the Diamondbacks pulled closer in the NL West standings by beating the first-place Colorado.

The Diamondbacks cut

their deficit in the division to 2 1/2 games. The Rockies maintained a 1 1/2 -game advantage over the Los Angeles Dodgers, who lost for a second straight day in Cincinnati. Colorado is chasing after its first NL West crown in franchise history. Marte also added a two-run single in the eighth to make it 6-3. He leads the league in triples with 11.

Zack Greinke (14-9) gave up two runs in the first before recovering his command to allow three runs in 6 2/3 innings.

Antonio Senzatela (4-6) gave up two runs in the first and four runs total over six innings.

**REDS 3, DODGERS 1**

**CINCINNATI (AP)** — Former Dodgers prospects Brandon Dixon and Scott Schebler homered, and Los Angeles stumbled for the second straight night in a loss to lowly Cincinnati.

Defending NL champion Los Angeles is 0-6 against Cincinnati this season. After losing Monday's series opener 10-6 to the last-place Reds, the Dodgers began the day 1 1/2 games behind NL West-leading Colorado and two games back of St. Louis for the second NL wild card.

Dixon homered in the second inning and Schebler in the third for a 2-0 lead against Hyun-Jin Ryu (4-3). Jose Peraza, another former Los Angeles prospect, had two hits.

Scooter Gennett had two hits, including a run-scoring single in the fifth inning, and lifted his league-leading average to .321. Gennett is hitting .727 (16 for 22) against the Dodgers this season. Luis Castillo (9-12) allowed one run and four hits in 6 1/3 innings with nine strikeouts. Raisel Iglesias pitched a hitless ninth for his 26th save in 30 chances, completing a five-hitter.

Ryu (4-3) gave up eight hits in five innings.

**CUBS 3, BREWERS 0**

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Jose Quintana pitched three-hit ball into the seventh inning, Victor Caratini drove in two runs and Chicago regained its two-game lead in the NL Central. □



# Red Sox beat Blue Jays, become 1st team to get playoff spot

**By The Associated Press**  
**BOSTON (AP)** — The Boston Red Sox became the first team in the majors to clinch a playoff spot this season, rallying on pinch-hitter Brock Holt's go-ahead home run in the seventh inning to beat the Toronto Blue Jays 7-2 Tuesday night. The Red Sox assured themselves at least a spot in the AL wild-card game while reaching the postseason for the third straight year. The AL East leaders began the night with an eight-game lead over the New York Yankees.

Boston starter Chris Sale came off the disabled list and pitched one scoreless inning, striking out two and throwing 26 pitches. Sale has been slowed by inflammation in his left shoulder, and the Red Sox had said they would ease their ace back into action.

Ryan Brasier (2-0) got the win with 1 1/3 innings of hitless relief as Boston used seven relievers after limiting Sale in his return.

Ryan Tepera (5-5) took the loss.

**ANGELS 1, RANGERS 0**  
**ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)** — Blake Parker gave up Isiah Kiner-Falefa's single to right with one out in the eighth inning to end Los Angeles' no-hit bid by relievers in victory over Texas.

Jose Fernandez hit his first career home run for the Angels in the second inning, adding another milestone to the 30-year-old Cuban's rookie season after making his major league debut June 8.

The Angels' starting rotation was decimated by injuries this season, paving the way for what was the fifth bullpen game of the season. Jim Johnson made his second career start and pitched 1 1/3 innings. He was followed by Noe Ramirez, Hansel Robles, Cam Bedrosian, Justin Anderson and Jose Alvarez, who combined to get through seven innings without giving up a hit.

Parker found difficulty in the eighth. After Kiner-Falefa's single to break up the bid, he got pinch hitter Ronald Gumzan to fly out to left

field, then allowed a sharp single by Rougned Odor. Scioscia opted to change pitchers.

Ramirez (5-5) got the win, and Ty Buttrey earned the save. Adrian Sampson (0-1) made his first start for the Rangers this season and second career start. Sampson allowed Fernandez's homer among two hits in five innings.

**ASTROS 5, TIGERS 4**  
**DETROIT (AP)** — Jose Altuve homered on the game's first pitch, and Houston powered past Detroit. The Astros maintained a three-game lead over Oakland in the AL West.

Houston built a 5-0 lead on three homers in the first four innings off Jordan Zimmermann, and then held on with five scoreless innings from their bullpen.

Framber Valdez left with a one-run lead after allowing all four of Detroit's runs in the fourth inning, including a three-run homer by Jacoby Jones. Will Harris (4-3) got the win by striking out the side in the fifth inning, and three more relievers followed before Roberto Osuna worked the ninth for his 17th save in 18 opportunities. Zimmermann (7-7) allowed five runs and six hits in five innings. He walked one and struck out three.

**INDIANS 2, RAYS 0**  
**ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)** — Josh Donaldson went hitless in his Cleveland debut, Edwin Encarnacion reached 30 homers for the seventh straight season and the Indians beat Tampa Bay. Cleveland lowered its magic number to three for a third straight AL Central title.

Acquired from Toronto on Aug. 31, Donaldson went 0 for 4 in his first big league game since May 28, a lay-off caused by a strained left calf. The 2015 AL MVP flied out to deep center and deep right, struck out and grounded into a force-out. The third baseman made a nifty backhand grab on C.J. Cron's sixth-inning grounder.

Jose Ramirez moved from third to second, and second baseman Jason Kipnis moved to center.



**Boston Red Sox's Mookie Betts scores on a double by Andrew Benintendi during the eighth inning of a baseball game against the Toronto Blue Jays at Fenway Park in Boston, Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018.**

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Yan Gomes also homered and rookie Shane Bieber (10-3) struck out a career-high 11 in 6 2/3 innings, allowing three hits and three walks.

Tampa Bay had its franchise record 12-game home winning streak end and lost for just the fourth time in 21 games overall.

Gomes homered in the fifth and Encarnacion in the sixth against Tyler Glasnow (0-4), who allowed six hits in seven innings.

**ATHLETICS 3, ORIOLES 2**  
**BALTIMORE (AP)** — Mike Fiers remained unbeaten in an Oakland uniform, working six solid innings against Baltimore.

The Athletics won their fifth straight to improve to 33-15 since the All-Star break, the best mark in the majors during that span. Oakland holds the second AL wild-card spot behind the Yankees.

Fiers (12-6), who was acquired from the Tigers on Aug. 6, allowed one run and four hits with seven strikeouts and a walk. He is 5-0 in seven starts with the A's and has won a career-best six straight decisions overall.

Jeury Familia worked a perfect ninth for his 18th save since being acquired from the Mets on July 21.

Stephen Piscotty went 3 for 4 — including an RBI single in a three-run third inning — for Oakland. He extend-

ed his hitting streak to 12 games and has driven in a run in six straight.

Jonathan Villar drove in both Orioles runs with a homer off Fiers in the sixth and a single in the eighth.

Mike Wright (3-2) replaced Alex Cobb in the third and was hit in the left foot by a sharp grounder from Ramon Laureano, the second batter he faced. Matt Chapman followed with an RBI double, and Khris Davis and Piscotty drove in runs with singles.

**TWINS 10, YANKEES 5**  
**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)** — Joe Mauer hit a grand slam to highlight a six-run fifth inning, and Minnesota beat New York for the first time in 10 meetings.

Didi Gregorius answered Mauer's big bop with his own grand slam in the sixth. That was the only bright spot for the Yankees, who dropped nine games behind Boston in the AL East race and had their lead over Oakland for the first wild card spot cut to two games. The major league leaders in home runs with 234, the Yankees fell to 80-36 in games when they go deep.

Sonny Gray (10-9) lasted three innings and allowed three runs — two earned — four hits and three walks. Gregorius tripled and scored on Gary Sanchez's sacrifice fly for a second-inning lead, but Gray gave

it back in a three-run third.

Jonathan Loaisiga fared even worse, forcing in a run with a bases-loaded walk to Max Kepler in the fifth. Three batters later, Mauer crushed a full-count fastball to center field.

Kohl Stewart (1-1) earned his first major league victory after following reliever Tyler Duffey, who served as a bullpen opener for the third time this month.

**ROYALS 6, WHITE SOX 3**  
**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)** — Brad Keller pitched seven strong innings to win for the fourth time in six starts, leading Kansas City past Chicago.

Whit Merrifield had two hits, two RBIs, and scored two runs for the Royals. He also stole two bases to increase his American League lead to 33 steals, including a league-best 12 of third base.

Keller (8-6) gave up one run and four hits and two walks while striking out six. He is 4-1 with a 1.62 ERA in his last six starts, lowering his ERA to 3.04 — leading all AL rookies.

Wily Peralta picked up his 10th save in 10 chances, despite walking two in 1/3 of an inning.

The Royals have won a season-high seven straight at home — and 10 of 11.

Dylan Covey (5-13) allowed six runs — five earned — and six hits in 4 1/3 innings for the White Sox. □



## Column: Triple G-Canelo rematch should be must-see TV

By **TIM DAHLBERG**  
AP Sports Columnist

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — For a sport often given up for dead, boxing is suddenly very much alive.

Turn on the TV and there's probably a fight on from somewhere. Tune in, and there's a good chance even the most casual boxing fan will find something to like.

The heavyweight division is coming back, and there's a group of welterweights so talented they are bringing back memories of the 1980s, when fighters like Sugar Ray Leonard, Tommy Hearns and Marvelous Marvin Hagler ruled the ring and the biggest fights were magical affairs staged outdoors on the Las Vegas Strip.

Networks are getting into bidding wars for fights, and a string of new deals means there's more boxing on free television than ever before. And, of course, there's Saturday night.

That's when Gennady Golovkin and Canelo Alvarez step into the ring at the T-Mobile Arena to try to settle what they couldn't the first time around in a hotly anticipated showdown



In this Sept. 15, 2017, file photo, Canelo Alvarez, left, and Gennady Golovkin pose during a weigh-in in Las Vegas.

with the middleweight title at stake. The fight is a rematch of their draw last September, and this time both fighters have made it clear they just don't like each other.

It's a combination that should make this a pay-per-view worth reaching into the wallet for, though it's not cheap. Boxing still insists on a buy-in for its biggest fights, and at \$84.95 to

watch at home, this fight needs to deliver in a big way to justify the cost.

Whether it does won't be known until the two actually get into the ring together in a fight delayed from May after Alvarez tested positive for a performance-enhancing drug. But there's a lot to like about two big punchers meeting to settle things at 160 pounds the way fighters used to do it

back in the day.

"I believe it will be a big drama show," Golovkin said. "I wanted the first fight to be a big drama show, but he wouldn't fight me." Golovkin's complaint about Alvarez not standing toe-to-toe with him in the first fight isn't his only issue with the rematch. He also believes Alvarez is a cheater, and dismisses his claim that eating tainted meat in

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his native Mexico led to the positive test for clenbuterol.

"It's very strange because we know what happened. He was caught for doing illegal substances," Golovkin said through an interpreter. "As far as his stories about the meat, you have to be really stupid to believe these kind of stories after being caught doping."

Golovkin's other complaint centered on the purse split for the fight. Alvarez, who was a proven pay-per-view draw, got 70 percent of the take in the first fight, and was supposed to get 65 percent in the second, had it happened in May as planned. But Triple G stood his ground, finally getting a 45 percent share after already booking another fight elsewhere that would have paid him only a fraction of the millions both he and Alvarez will make for their showdown.

All of which, of course, has raised some bitter feelings in the Alvarez camp.

"It's definitely more personal now. I really don't like him," Alvarez said. "It's personal, and I take it that way. It will make me train harder and give it the extra push to knock him out." □

## Bettman tells AP: NHL in mediation on concussion lawsuit



In this May 28, 2018 file photo NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman speaks during a news conference prior to Game 1 of the NHL Stanley Cup Final hockey game between the Vegas Golden Knights and the Washington Capitals in Las Vegas.

By **JOHN WAWROW**  
AP Hockey Writer

**BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP)** — NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman downplayed the significance of entering medi-

ation with former players in a bid to settle a concussion lawsuit, saying Tuesday the league is simply following a judge's order.

"The judge asked us to

go into mediation and so we're complying with the judge's request," Bettman told The Associated Press.

He said he had nothing to add when asked if there has been progress, and Bettman reiterated the NHL's position on the lawsuit hasn't changed, by saying: "We also think the lawsuit doesn't have merit."

Bettman spoke to the AP while attending the NHL officials training camp in Buffalo, New York.

Stuart Davidson, one of the attorneys representing the players, disputed Bettman's assertion on the merits of the lawsuit, while confirming the two sides were asked to enter mediation by U.S. District Judge Susan Richard Nelson in Minne-

sota. "While we obviously disagree with the Commissioner's views on the merits of these important cases, and continue to work very hard to obtain justice for our clients, the commissioner is correct that Judge Nelson requested that the parties try to work out their differences with a mediator, if they are able," Davidson wrote in an email.

More than 100 former players are part of the lawsuit in accusing the NHL of failing to better prevent head trauma or warn players of such risks while promoting violent play that led to their injuries. In July, Nelson denied a bid for class-action status, which would have created one group of all living former NHL players

and one group of all retired players diagnosed with a neurological disease, disorder or condition. Had they succeeded, more than 5,000 former players would have been allowed to join the case.

On another matter, Bettman said the league's board of governors meeting in December is the earliest the NHL will have an opportunity to approve a bid to expand into Seattle. The vote will take place after the expansion group meets with the league's executive committee on Oct. 2. Bettman would only say "to be determined" when asked if the Seattle bid, which would expand the NHL to 32 teams, is on track for the 2020-21 season. □





Canada's Michael Woods celebrates after winning the 17th stage of the Spanish Vuelta cycling race between Getxo and Balcon de Vizcaya, northern Spain, Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018.

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## Yates loses time in Vuelta; Woods earns emotional stage win

**BALCON DE BIZKAIA, Spain (AP)** — Simon Yates lost a few seconds of his Spanish Vuelta lead on Wednesday, while Michael Woods of Canada earned an emotional victory on a difficult mountain stage.

Woods outlasted the field in a 157-kilometer (97.5-mile) 17th stage that finished with a tough climb up Balcon de Bizkaia in Basque Country, and then dedicated the win to his stillborn son, who died this year when his wife was 37 weeks pregnant.

The Canadian rider crossed the line five seconds in front of Dylan Teuns and 10 seconds ahead of David de la Cruz.

"It's a special moment for me. I was very moved on the finish line," the 31-year-old Woods said. "My coach was in the car and in the final 500 meters (yards) he told me on the radio to think about my family."

Woods said that his wife also lost her father a month ago.

"It's been a very hard year," he said. "I was cracked on

the finish line. I tried to stay calm, I tried to think of my family and to think of my little Hunter as an inspiration."

This was the first stage win at a Grand Tour race for the rider from team Education First-Drapac.

Yates' gap to Alejandro Valverde was cut from 33 seconds to 25 seconds after a solid climb by the veteran Spaniard.

Enric Mas also had a good run and moved up to third place overall, 1 minute, 22 seconds behind Yates.

"There's still a lot of racing to come, hard stages ahead. The gaps are still small behind me," Yates said. "Nobody really attacked in the climb. There's no shame in losing a few seconds to Valverde and Mas in such a finale. I truly believe Andorran stages are much better for me. Of the stages left, this is the one I feared most. I know Andorra very well and I think the climbs suit me very well."

Nairo Quintana struggled the most, losing more than a minute and dropping out of the top 5 in the general classification.

No changes at the top are expected on Thursday, when riders will face a flat 186.1-kilometer (115.6-mile) stage from Ejea de los Caballeros to Lleida in north-eastern Spain.

The three-week Grand Tour race ends Sunday in Madrid. □



United States players celebrate after midfielder Tyler Adams scored a goal against Mexico during an international friendly match Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018, in Nashville, Tenn. The United States won 1-0.

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## Tyler Adams scores 1st goal to give U.S. 1-0 win over Mexico

By **TERESA M. WALKER**

**AP Sports Writer**

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)** —

The Americans is testing young players to get the United States back to the World Cup in 2022. Tyler Adams, Antonee Robinson and goalkeeper Zack Steffen are giving glimpses they might be able to help. Adams scored his first international goal, four minutes after Angel Zaldivar was ejected for a studs-up tackle, and the United States rebounded from a poor first half for a 1-0 victory over Mexico on Tuesday night, the Americans' first win over their rival in three years.

"We wanted to show our character and pride for the country, and we went out there and battled at times," Adams said. "Maybe at the beginning the soccer wasn't there completely, it got a little chippy at times, but we handled ourselves well."

Adams, a 19-year-old who made his national team debut last November, scored after Kellyn Acosta passed to a sprinting Antonee Robinson on the left flank. Robinson crossed for Adams, who one-timed the ball from the penalty spot past goalkeeper Hugo

Gonzalez, who played his first match for El Tri at age 28.

"He's a winner this kid, and I think I've been really pleased in terms of his growth with the ball in tight spots," U.S. interim coach Dave Sarachan said. "We know that he can run and cover ground and win tackles and compete. But at the next level now can you do the next part? And that's have a presence with the ball and picking your spots so it just keeps getting better."

The left-footed Robinson, burned by Douglas Costa with a cross that led to Brazil's opening goal in a 2-0 loss Friday, had replaced right-footed Eric Lichaj at left back in the 56th minute. "I just saw the defenders dropping really deep toward the goal so I cut it back across so hopefully someone could get on the end of it, and thankfully Tyler did," Robinson said. "And it was a really great finish."

Adams called Robinson's cross good timing with the ball trickling right to him. "So watching it was like in slo-mo, the ball just came to me and I was able to finish it," Adams said.

Mexico played a man short

after Zaldivar took down U.S. captain Wil Trapp in the 67th minute, and the U.S. immediately surged in its attack.

The U.S. now has three wins, two losses and three draws under Sarachan, who took over last October after Bruce Arena quit when the Americans failed to qualify for the World Cup. New general manager Earnie Stewart plans to announce a permanent coach later this year.

The Americans had two losses and a tie in their previous three matches against Mexico, including a home defeat and a road draw in World Cup qualifying. Sarachan liked how his team kept their composure.

"This was a group that wasn't going to lose tonight, and I couldn't be more proud," Sarachan said.

Since opening the World Cup with wins over defending champion Germany and South Korea, Mexico has lost four straight games for the first time since 2001. Losses to Sweden and Brazil and the World Cup were followed by an exhibition defeat to Uruguay, with El Tri outscored 10-1 over the four matches. □





# Got \$1,100? Apple shows off its most expensive iPhone yet

By **MICHAEL LIEDTKE**  
AP Technology Writer  
CUPERTINO, California (AP)

— Apple unveiled three new iPhones on Wednesday, including its biggest and most expensive model yet, as the company seeks to widen the product's appeal amid slowing sales. CEO Tim Cook showed off the Apple XS, which has a bigger screen than the one on last year's dramatically designed model, the iPhone X. It'll cost about \$1,000. A bigger version will be called the iPhone XS Max, which looks to be about the size of the iPhone 8 Plus, though the screen size is much larger. This one will cost almost \$1,100, topping last year's iPhone X, which at \$1,000 seemed jaw-dropping at the time. As with the iPhone X, the new phone has a screen that runs from edge to edge, an effort to maximize the display without making the phone too awkward to hold. The screen needs no backlight, so black would appear as truly black rather than simply dark. This even-bigger iPhone,



Phil Schiller, Apple's senior vice president of worldwide marketing, speaks about the new Apple iPhone XS, iPhone XS Max and the iPhone XR at the Steve Jobs Theater during an event to announce new Apple products Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018, in Cupertino, Calif.

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which will be available on Sept. 21 — with orders open the week before — represents Apple's attempt to feed consumers' appetite for increasingly larger screens as they rely on smartphones to watch and record video, as well as take photos wherever

they are.

The iPhone X also got rid of the home button to make room for more screen and introduced facial-recognition technology to unlock the device.

By making more expensive iPhones, Apple has been able to boost its profits de-

spite waning demand as people upgrade phones less frequently. iPhones fetched an average price of \$724 during the April-June period, a nearly 20 percent increase from a year earlier.

Apple also showed off a cheaper iPhone, called the

iPhone XR. It has a traditional, lower-quality screen and an aluminum body; it's physically smaller than the iPhone 8 Plus but has a bigger screen. It'll cost roughly \$750 and come out on October 26. Apple also said that its next major update to its iOS operating system will come next Tuesday, followed a week later by a Mac software update. Worldwide smartphone sales grew just 2 percent during the second quarter of 2018, according to the research firm Gartner Inc. During that period, which is typically slow for Apple, China's Huawei Technologies surpassed Apple as the second-largest seller of smartphones based on Gartner's calculations. Samsung remained in the lead.

Apple also announced updates that push its Apple Watch further into medical device territory. It has a larger screen and a built-in heart sensor that the company said can detect irregular heart rates and perform an electrocardiogram. □

# From music to news, EU moves to protect online copyright

By **LORNE COOK and KELVIN CHAN**

**BRUSSELS (AP)** — The European Union wants to shake up the way internet companies handle media, e-books, digital music, news articles and other content posted online by better protecting the rights of the authors and creators. EU lawmakers voted to back a report that has proved controversial and seen celebrities weigh in. Beatles member Paul McCartney recently wrote an open letter to the lawmakers to encourage them to back the new rules, while former Fugees frontman Wyclef Jean has publicly opposed it. Among other things, the report calls for automatic filters of uploaded content that would identify copyrighted material. To give the new system teeth, it would also make online



European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, center, delivers his State of Union speech at the European Parliament in Strasbourg, eastern France, Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018.

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publishing platforms liable for copyright infringement. German lawmaker Axel Voss, who chaperoned the report through the assembly, said the vote "is a good sign for the creative industries in Europe." The changes must still be endorsed by EU member states.

Media companies and

publishers say the changes would help them get paid for their work. But opponents say they are too hard to put into effect, and might lead to filtering or even greater control over the internet.

They also fear that the new rules would effectively ban parodies and viral internet

"memes" that are often based on or inspired by existing songs or movies or other content.

Voss said the text contains provisions to ensure that copyright law can be respected without limiting freedom of expression. Wikipedia and open source software platforms would not be affected.

"We have addressed concerns raised about innovation by excluding small and micro platforms or aggregators from the scope," Voss said. "I am convinced that once the dust has settled, the internet will be as free as it is today, creators and journalists will be earning a fairer share of the revenues generated by their works, and we will be wondering what all the fuss was about."

The European Magazine Media Association praised the move as "a great day

for the independent press and for democracy," saying it would modernize the rules without stifling online competition.

But the Computer and Communications Industry Association said it would "undermine free expression online and access to information."

McCartney and many other musicians had backed the proposals, saying it would help them earn revenue that otherwise would have gone to the dominant tech companies.

But others like Jean have rejected it, saying that working with internet platforms is a bigger financial opportunity than threat for musical artists. World Wide Web inventor Tim Berners-Lee and Wikipedia founder Jimmy Wales have said the changes would lead to automated surveillance and control of internet users. □



# US median incomes grew in 2017 for a 3rd straight year

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The income of a median U.S. household rose for a third straight year in 2017, boosted by a rise in the number of Americans with full-time, year-round jobs.

The Census Bureau said Wednesday that incomes for a typical household, adjusted for inflation, rose 1.8 percent, from \$60,309 in 2016 to \$61,372. Yet households are still earning essentially the same that they did in 2007 just before the Great Recession, Census said. Their inflation-adjusted median income remains below the record for a typical household — \$62,000 reached in 1999.

The figures suggest that the nation's very low unemployment rate — 3.9 percent — is forcing businesses to convert more part-time workers to full-time status. And with unemployed workers scarce, companies are hiring more people who previously weren't looking for work. During 2017, the unemployment rate averaged 4.4 percent, the lowest level in 17 years.



In this Oct. 23, 2014, file photo people are reflected in a window at the Delano Las Vegas overlooking the Las Vegas Valley in Las Vegas.

At the same time, the data underscores the lasting damage the Great Recession did to the majority of American families. Incomes for the median household fell for five years after the recession began in late 2007, then recovered very slowly until 2015. That year, median household income jumped 5.1 percent, followed by a 3.1 percent

gain in 2016.

The median is the point at which half the households are below and half are above. It can be a more telling measure than the average, which is distorted by extremely high incomes among the wealthiest households.

Despite a third straight income gain for a typical household, some measures

of inequality worsened in 2017, in some cases after having improved during the previous two years. Income growth, for example, was strongest for the richest 5 percent of Americans, increasing 3 percent to \$237,034. For the poorest one-fifth of the population, income increased just 0.5 percent.

Last year, "well-worn pat-

terns of inequality re-emerged, with stronger growth at the top," said Elise Gould, a senior economist at the Economic Policy Institute, a liberal think tank. "While any reduction in poverty or increase in income is a step in the right direction, most families have just barely made up the ground lost over the past decade."

The income gap between black and white households also widened, though Latinos narrowed their gap with whites. The median income for a white household rose 2.6 percent to \$68,145 even as the median for African-American households slipped 0.2 percent to \$40,258. Latino household incomes, however, jumped 3.7 percent to \$50,486. Asian households remain the wealthiest, with a median income of \$81,331, though that was 2.2 percent lower than in 2016. Last year, the number of people with jobs rose by 1.7 million, the Census report said. And the number of workers with full-time permanent jobs increased 2.4 million. □

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## US producer prices dip 0.1 percent in August

By PAUL WISEMAN  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — U.S. wholesale prices fell unexpectedly last month for the first time since February 2017, pulled down by falling prices for transportation and warehousing services. The drop suggests that inflationary pressures may be easing despite the strength of the U.S. economy. The Labor Department said Wednesday that its producer price index — which measures inflation before it reaches consumers — fell 0.1 percent in August after being flat in July. Producer prices were up 2.8 percent from August 2017.

"Inflation pressures look modest for this late in an

economic cycle," Chris Rupkey, chief financial economist at MUFG Union Bank, wrote in a research note. The American economy is enjoying the second-longest expansion on record, having emerged from the Great Recession in June 2009.

Wholesale prices for services slid 0.1 percent last month; prices of goods were flat. Over the past year, goods prices for producers have risen 3.9 percent.

Excluding volatile food and energy prices, so-called core wholesale inflation also slipped 0.1 percent from July but rose 2.3 percent from August 2017.

The Labor Department re-

leases its August consumer price index Thursday. Economists expect a 2.8 percent uptick in consumer prices from August 2017.

The Federal Reserve, which wants to see annual inflation running at around 2 percent, has raised short-term interest rates twice this year and has signaled that it plans two more rate hikes this year. □



In this June 15, 2018, file photo, winter wheat is harvested in a field farmed by Dalton and Carson North near McCracken, Kan.

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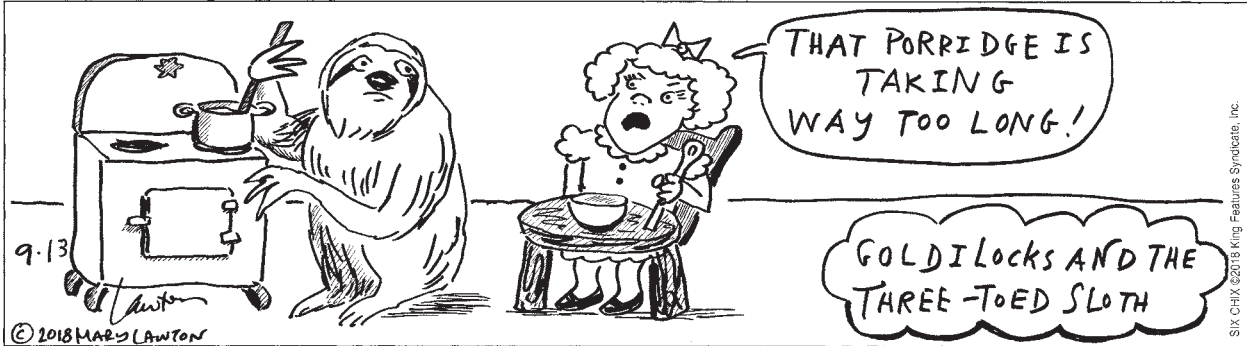
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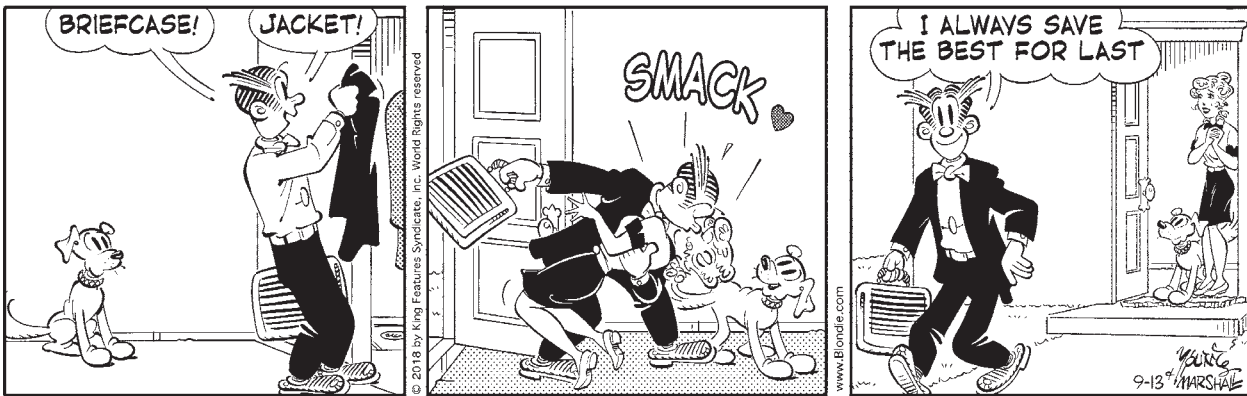
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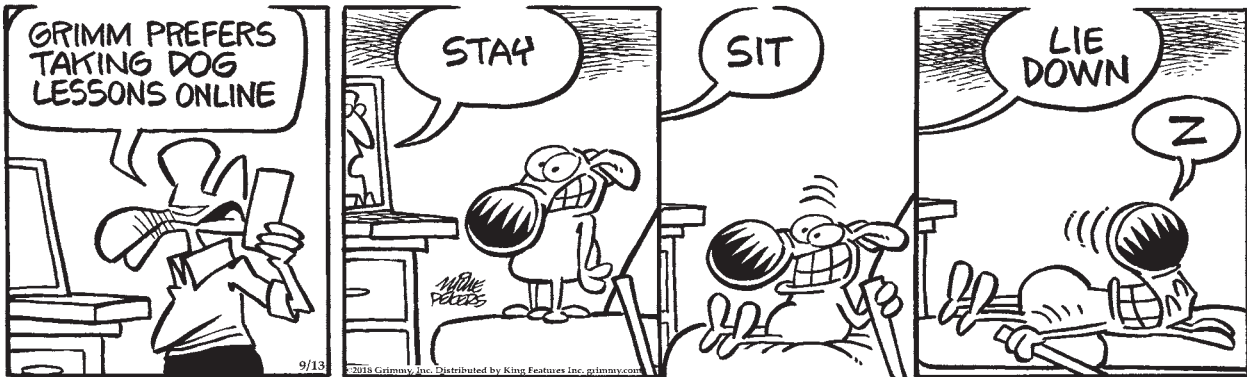
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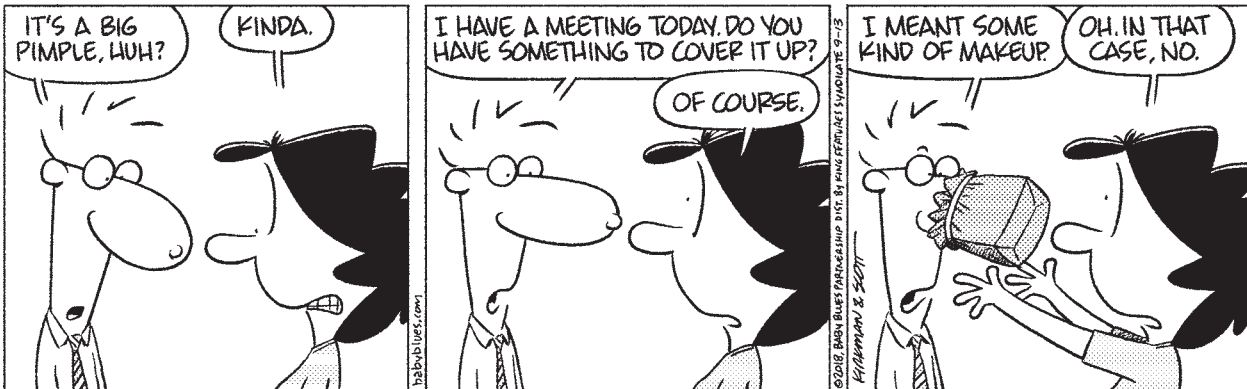
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

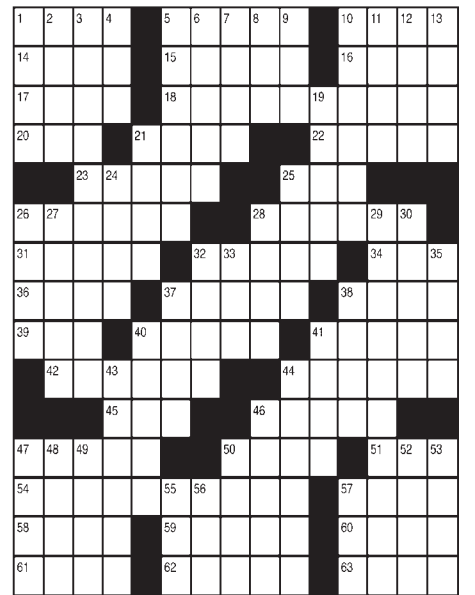
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## ACROSS

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- Run fast
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- tree; partridge's place
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- Washing machine cycle
- Peruvian pack animal
- Swindle
- Beer mugs
- Handgun
- Slipped up
- Ill will
- Gamble
- Peruse
- Tangy
- Boring
- Blind as a
- Smell awful
- Innocent
- Religious title
- Edgar or Candice
- Present topper
- Winter jacket
- Tropical tree with chocolaty seeds
- Transmit
- Bathroom feature
- Still single
- Health nut's lunch
- Femur or fibula
- Strainer
- Cast- skillet
- Tallied up
- Fluid-filled sac

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- Snatch
- As as hen's teeth
- Speed up
- Positive reply



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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- Gomez; John Astin TV role
- Michelangelo sculpture at the Vatican
- In a; furious
- Afternoon hour
- Fabray, to friends
- Short race at top speed
- Thin
- Quaker product
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## Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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- Actor
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- Walking stick
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- Small twitch



# Bald eagle lands on fire truck during Sept. 11 tribute

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COON RAPIDS, Minn. (AP) — A bald eagle has visited a Minnesota tribute marking the 17th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terror attacks. The national bird landed Tuesday on top of a fire-fighters' aerial truck parked on a highway overpass in the northern Minneapolis suburb of Coon Rapids. Members of the Andover Fire Department were gathered to pay tribute to the nearly 3,000 people who died in the attacks and to the 9/11 emergency responders. The Fire Department posted video of the eagle's landing on its Facebook page. After perching on the basket at the top of the truck, the eagle flew off. The Star Tribune reports that the unscripted event happened after several firefighters had set up department vehicles on the overpass, posted U.S. flags and draped a banner over the railing reading, "We will never forget." □

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# 'Not a pretty sight': Hurricane Florence has experts worried

By SETH BORENSTEIN

AP Science Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — To whip up a monstrous storm like the one chugging for the Carolinas you need a handful of ingredients — and Florence has them all. Warmer than normal sea temperatures to add energy and rain to a storm. Check.

A wind pattern that allows a storm to get strong and stay strong. Check.

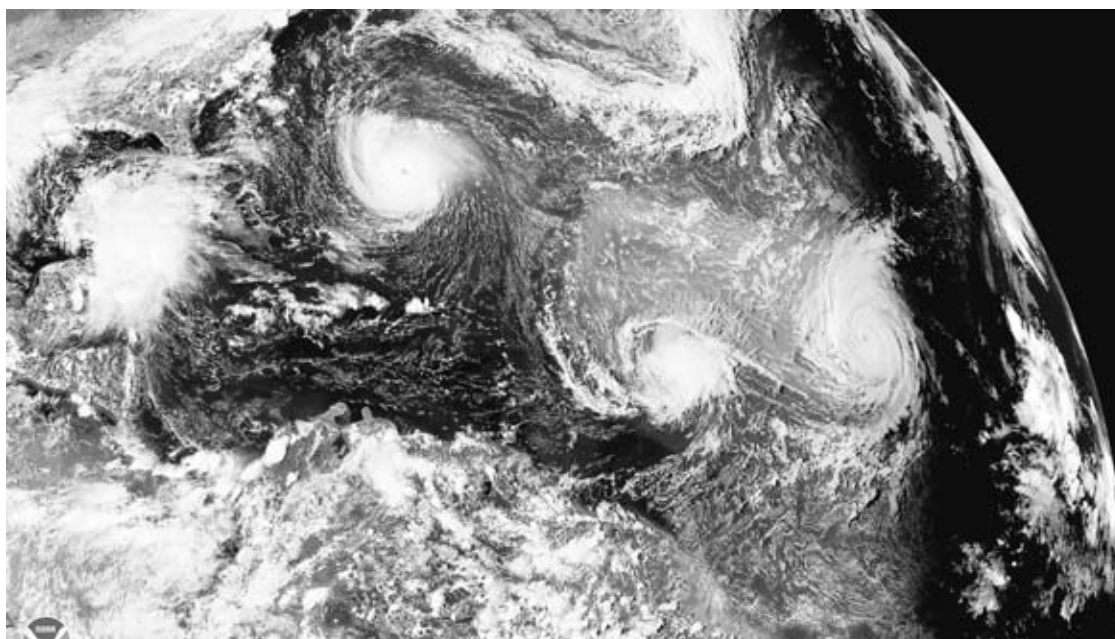
Higher sea levels to make a storm surge worse. Check.

A storm covering enormous area, to drench and lash more people. Check.

And an unusual combination of other weather systems that are likely to stall Florence when it hits the Carolinas, allowing it to sit for days and dump huge amounts of rain. Check.

"The longer it stays, the more wind, the more rain. That means the more trees that could fall, the more power outages," National Hurricane Center Director Ken Graham said.

"This one really scares me," Graham said. "It's one of those situations where you're going to get heavy rain, catastrophic, life-threatening storm surge, and also the winds."



This enhanced satellite image made available by NOAA shows Tropical Storm Florence, upper left, in the Atlantic Ocean on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. EDT. At center is Tropical Storm Isaac and at right is Hurricane Helene.

Associated Press

The National Hurricane Center Tuesday afternoon increased its rainfall forecast to 15 to 25 inches of rain and 35 inches in isolated spots. But a computer simulation known as the European model predicts some places could get 45 inches. Sound unlikely? It's the same model that accurately predicted that last year's Hurricane Harvey, which also stalled over land, would drop 60 inches. "It does look a bit similar to Harvey in a sense that it

goes roaring into shore and then comes to a screeching stop," said MIT meteorology professor and hurricane expert Kerry Emanuel. "This is not a pretty sight." Florence is unusual in that it is aiming at the Carolinas from the east. Usually storms come to the Carolinas and mid-Atlantic from the south — and those usually curve safely out to sea.

But a weather formation known as a high-pressure ridge is parked over the U.S. East coast, preventing

Florence from doing the normal turn, said University of Miami hurricane expert Brian McNoldy.

After Florence makes landfall, that ridge, now over Washington and New York, will move east — but be replaced by another one forming over the Great Lakes that will likely keep the storm stuck, McNoldy said.

Florence's path remains uncertain. It may move a little north into Virginia or a little south into South Carolina.

But it's such a large storm that the rain will keep coming down in the region no matter where it wanders. And with the Appalachian Mountains to the west, there could be flooding and mudslides, experts worry.

Florence's large size — tropical storm force winds extend 170 miles from the center in all directions — means its fury will arrive long before the center of the storm comes ashore, Graham said.

Some of Florence's behavior, both what has been seen so far and what experts expect, show the influence of climate change.

Its expected sluggishness is becoming more common, possibly a result of climate change, said National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration climate scientist and hurricane expert Jim Kossin. The ocean waters that Florence is travelling over are about 2.7 degrees (1.5 degrees Celsius) warmer than normal, McNoldy said. Even normal water is warm enough for a storm to form there, but this adds to the storm's fuel and its rainfall. The air is holding 10 percent more water that can be dumped as rain. □



In this March 21, 2015, file photo, Iwo Jima, now known officially as Ioto, is seen from an airplane in Japan.

Associated Press

## Undersea eruption detected at Japan's Iwo Jima

**TOKYO (AP)** — Signs of undersea volcanic eruptions were detected at Iwo Jima, the site of one of the bloodiest battles in World War II, meteorological and defense officials said Wednesday.

Aerial photos taken by navy aircraft earlier Wednesday showed seawater shoot-

ing as high as 10 meters (33 feet) above the surface just off the island's southern coast, the Japan Meteorological Agency said.

The island, which has been renamed Ioto, has been showing increased volcanic activity since the weekend, the agency said, warning of more eruptions. The island is 1,250 kilometers (780 miles) south of Tokyo. Ioto last had an undersea explosion off its northern coast in 2013, and small overland explosions at few places in 2015, the agency said.

Defense officials said troops stationed on the island are safe and there are no evac-

uation plans. The island is closed to civilians, except for those with permits to search for the remains of more than 10,000 soldiers still unaccounted for or to attend memorial services and other special events. Virtually all of the Japanese soldiers defending the tiny island died in the battle in early 1945 which claimed 21,570 Japanese and 6,821 American lives.

Japan has about 100 active volcanoes and is frequently jolted by earthquakes. Earlier this month, a magnitude 6.7 quake on the northern island of Hokkaido killed more than 40 and injured hundreds. □

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## Q&A: Steve McQueen on his '12 Years' follow-up, 'Widows'

By JAKE COYLE  
Associated Press

**TORONTO (AP)** — Lynda La Plante's 1980s British crime series "Widows" had a curious hold of filmmaker Steve McQueen as a 13-year-old boy.

The show was about a group of women who, after their criminal husbands are killed, band together to pull off the raid their dead spouses had planned. The women were, to young McQueen growing up in London, doing what they were deemed not to be capable of.

"I was a person at that time who was deemed not to be capable, as well, being a young black boy at school and having to fight my own battles of stereotypes and people assuming things about me because of my appearance," says McQueen. "I could relate to those women. I was going through the same thing."

More than three decades later, McQueen has adapted "Widows" into his much anticipated follow-up to the best-picture winning "12 Years a Slave." While it preserves much of the original series, it also greatly expands its scope, transports the story to Chicago and richly populates its urban landscape with a sterling cast of Viola Davis, Colin



Director Steve McQueen poses with paper cutouts of his face as he attends the premiere for "Widows" on day 3 of the Toronto International Film Festival at Roy Thomson Hall on Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018, in Toronto.

Farrell, Robert Duvall, Daniel Kaluuya, Liam Neeson and Brian Tyree Henry.

For one of the foremost makers of what could be called art films, "Widows," with a script he penned with Gillian Flynn ("Gone Girl"), is an unexpected turn into genre filmmaking. Before the film, which 20th Century Fox will release Nov. 16, made its premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival, McQueen spoke about the ambitions

behind "Widows."

AP: "Widows" might appear like a heist movie, but the genre seems like a mechanism for a complex investigation into gender, race and politics.

McQUEEN: It's a roller coaster ride but it brings to the surface things that are very much there. It's what we know. When you think of the '70s, you think of "Chinatown" and "The Godfather" — I'm not comparing my picture to those

pictures at all — but these were real, gritty movies within a genre, and these were the biggest movies of their time. They brought the audience with them, as well as brought the sophistication. They catered to the high and to the low. I don't think there's any high and low. I think there are just good movies and bad movies, and that's it.

AP: How did you choose the setting?

McQUEEN: I wanted to

channel Chicago in all its complexities. Chicago is such a rich environment. The whole cross section of that political base, it all fascinated me. I'm surprised there aren't much more movies made about it because it's there for the taking. It's like New York in the '70s. I love that wonderful phrase, which is very Chicagoan and which might go back to Al Capone: "I gotta guy." It's all about getting something in a crafty way. "I gotta guy." Fantastic!

AP: The world in your films, from "Hunger" to "12 Years a Slave" to "Widows," seems a mean and nasty place, where it takes just about killing yourself to keep your integrity.

McQUEEN: They all deal with trying to defy one's environment that the characters find themselves in, and how do we transcend that environment. And right now the world is a bit of a dark place. It is a bit of a difficult environment to exist in. It takes little sparks for us to keep our head above water.

AP: Would you have wanted your next film after "12 Years a Slave" to come sooner than five years later?

McQUEEN: You mustn't forget, I did three films in five years. □

## Czech 'ghost church' gets new life from tourism

By ADAM PEMBLE  
PETR JOSEK  
Associated Press

**LUKOVA, Czech Republic (AP)** — A 14th-century church in the Czech Republic that was once in ruins is getting a new life from tourists who want to see the eerie visitors from beyond the grave.

In 2012, art student Jakub Hadrava used St. George's Church in the village of Lukova as his canvas for his senior arts thesis. He filled the Catholic church's pews with ghostly figures, made from plaster casts of live models draped in white cloth. The effect is chilling. He called the work "My

Mind."

Word got out about the "ghost church" of the Czech Republic and in 2013 a videographer published a stylized YouTube video featuring creepy music and movie effects. It was a hit and has almost 200,000 views. Curiosity about the installation has been building, and there is now a website and mentions on travel websites. The church is open to the public on Saturday afternoons, when around 150 people come to the "ghosts."

Petr Koukl, caretaker of the ghost church, says that most people have a positive reaction to the church's

ghoulish guests.

But "it's also true . we had two or three visitors that refused to enter," he said. "They peeked through the door, but didn't enter because they didn't feel well about it."

The church fell into disrepair after World War II when the ethnic German parishioners were expelled by the Czechs. The church kept deteriorating through the late 1960s and was abandoned after pieces of the ceiling began to fall during a funeral.

The church, about 200 kilometers (125 miles) east of Prague, got a new roof in 2017 mainly from 600,000



In this picture taken on Thursday, Aug. 30, 2018, French tourists visit the church of Saint George in the village of Lukova, Czech Republic.

Associated Press

koruna (\$23,300) in donations that the spooky spectators have brought in by visitors eager to take selfies and shoot video with them. A Mass is held annually in

April at the ghost church to celebrate St. George's Day. Pictures online show the pews are packed on that day with both the living and the "dead." □



# 'The Predator' outstays its welcome on Earth

By MARK KENNEDY

Predators are personal for Shane Black. He was hacked apart by one of the fearsome alien hunters in the first "Predator" movie 31 years ago and now returns to sit in the director's chair for the latest saga in the franchise.

Ready for some payback, Shane? More importantly, will you oversee the destruction of Predators or will you accidentally kill off the series, once and for all? The answer is a little of both.

Only a definite article in the title separates the new "The Predator" from the 1987 debut "Predator" starring Arnold Schwarzenegger, and clearly Black is trying to capture the spirit of the testosterone-fueled original with this one led by a decorated sniper played by Boyd Holbrook. Both flicks share a welcome winking humor. If anyone asks "Everything OK back there?" you can be certain it's not. The first film featured cartoonishly masculine soldiers in the jungle of Central America tracking and be-



This image released by 20th Century Fox shows a scene from "The Predator."

Associated Press

ing tracked by a huge and technologically advanced beast with dreadlocks, a face full of mandibles and the ability to both go invisible and humiliate arrogant prey. It echoed the horror of Vietnam and was a clever combination of "Rambo"

and "Alien" with humor that would make a locker room blush. (Black played the bespectacled Hawkins and was an early casualty.) Black has returned — with co-writer Fred Dekker — for another loud soldier-versus-Predator slice in an American forest — well, actually, thanks, Canada! — but with some twists. Although the filmmakers boast about a much-improved alien, the only noticeable update is the addition of their tracking canines — that's right, "space dogs," as one character jokes. And this time the soldiers are all suffering from PTSD, along with other problems triggered by Tourette's syndrome, suicidal tendencies and opioid addiction. Viewers get plenty of decapitations, lynchings, head shots and bowels cut open.

Black's filmmaking is old-school, grounded in '80s humor, reveling at its over-the-topness and often gleefully thumbing its nose at political correctness. That might be refreshing, but it also can lead to questionable decisions. Like, is it necessary to set one of the battles — complete with assault weapons and explosions — in an elementary school?

And is it wise to portray hurting soldiers this way?

They've nicknamed themselves "The Loonies" and they are a foul-mouthed, messy wild bunch who met in group therapy. They're portrayed by Trevante Rhodes, Keegan-Michael Key, Thomas Jane, Alfie Allen and Augusto Aguilera, who all deliver a strange brew of toilet humor, classic misogyny and aching vulnerability, but laughing at broken men and mental illness quickly grows uncomfortable. To make matters even worse, another character has Asperger's syndrome, which is cynically used as a plot point. Professional psychologists are not going to like this film.

One change is the addition of some estrogen in the form of Olivia Munn, who plays not just a scientist but a huge one — "I heard you basically wrote the book on evolutionary biology," she's told by a guy in a white lab coat. In a matter of hours, she's gone from literally shooting herself in the foot to blasting an assault weapon with aplomb. She actually manages to make the dialogue work, as does a thrilling Sterling K. Brown, whose CIA honcho positively swaggers with flashes of pitch-dark humor. He steals the film from the ostensible hero, Holbrook, who fails to sparkle.

One welcome cameo is by Jake Busey, who plays a research scientist who studies Predators. It's an inside joke: He's the son of Gary Busey, who played a government scientist in "Predator 2" — so Black is keeping the part in the family. Plot-wise, to be honest, not much has changed either — a rag-tag group of soldiers face off against an alien hunter. Hardcore fans will welcome the franchise's return but neutral observers may question why this was committed to celluloid.

"What am I looking at?" Munn's character asks about some data shown to her, but might as well be addressing the film's audience.

"It's exactly what you think it is," a scientist responds.

The film created headlines after Munn flagged 20th Century Fox that a minor actor was a registered sex offender, meaning a real predator was in the mix. His scenes were soon cut, but, weirdly, she faced a backlash. If there's ever a hero here, it's Munn: On film, as in real life, she's challenged the all-boys' network.

But Black, who wrote "The Last Action Hero" and several "Lethal Weapon" films, flounders, seeing his gifts as a director tested. Scenes are poorly knitted together, especially toward the end. Time and tempo break down, as if the film were snapping apart at the seams. Ideas are offered — might Predator DNA be mixed with those of a human? Why do Predators keep coming back to Earth? — but quickly abandoned. Some characters die in underwhelming ways, as if the film stock ran out. At the end, Black somewhat arrogantly offers a clear springboard to a sequel. Whether anyone cares for it remains to be seen. "The Predator," a 20th Century Fox release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America for "strong bloody violence, language throughout and crude sexual references." Running time: 108 minutes. One star out of four. □

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## Warner Bros. and HBO adopt company-wide inclusion policy

By LINDSEY BAHR

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Six months after Frances McDormand introduced the world to the concept of an inclusion rider in her Oscars speech, Warner Bros. and its sister companies are announcing a company-wide commitment to diversity and inclusion, becoming the first major entertainment company to do so. WarnerMedia says Wednesday that it is pledging to use its "best efforts" to make sure that diverse actors and crews are considered for film and television projects at all stages of the production process going forward and to work with directors and producers with similar goals. WarnerMedia companies include Warner Bros., HBO and Turner.

The first production to fall under the policy will be the Michael B. Jordan film "Just Mercy," which begins shooting this week under the direction of Destin Dan-



In this June 16, 2018 file photo, Michael B. Jordan arrives at the MTV Movie and TV Awards in Santa Monica, Calif.

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iel Cretton. Jordan was an early advocate of the idea of inclusion riders at his production company, Outlier Society, and helped craft

the framework for WarnerMedia. "Inclusivity has always been a no-brainer for me, especially as a black man in this business. It wasn't

until Frances McDormand spoke the two words that set the industry on fire — inclusion rider — that I realized we could standardize

this practice," Jordan said in a statement. "The WarnerMedia family has introduced an approach that accomplishes our shared objectives, and I applaud them for taking this enormous step forward."

Jordan added: "This is a legacy-bearing moment." The company will work with other production companies, networks, guilds, unions, talent agencies to consider people from underrepresented groups for jobs in front of and behind the camera. The policy mentions women, people of color, the LGBTQ community and those with disabilities. WarnerMedia will also issue an annual report on its progress. "Our policy commits us to taking concrete action to further our goals, to measure the outcomes and to share the results publicly," said Kevin Tsujihara, Warner Bros. Chairman and CEO in a statement. □



# Moon rock hunter closes in on tracking down missing stones

By LINDSAY WHITEHURST

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**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** — A strange thing happened after Neil Armstrong and the Apollo 11 crew returned from the moon with lunar rocks: Many of the mementos given to every U.S. state vanished. Now, after years of sleuthing, a former NASA investigator is closing in on his goal of locating the whereabouts of all 50.

In recent weeks, two of the rocks that disappeared after the 1969 mission were located in Louisiana and Utah, leaving only New York and Delaware with unaccounted-for souvenirs. Attorney and moon rock hunter Joseph Gutheinz says it "blows his mind," that the rocks were not carefully chronicled and saved by some of the states that received them.

But he is hopeful the last two can be located before the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 mission next summer.

"It's a tangible piece of history," he said. "Neil Armstrong's first mission ... was to reach down and grab some rocks and dust in case they needed to make an emergency takeoff."

President Richard Nixon's administration presented the tiny lunar samples to all 50 states and 135 countries, but few were officially recorded and most disappeared, Gutheinz said.

Each state got a tiny sample encased in acrylic and mounted on a wooden plaque, along with the



In this Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2018, photo, shows moon rocks encased in acrylic and mounted on a wooden plaque at the Clark Planetarium, in Salt Lake City.

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state flag. Some were placed in museums, while others went on display in state capitols. But almost no state entered them into archival records, and Gutheinz said many lost track of them.

When Gutheinz started leading the effort to find them in 2002, he estimates 40 states had lost track of

the rocks.

"I think part of it was, we honestly believed that going back to the moon was going to be a regular occurrence," Gutheinz said.

But there were only five more journeys before the last manned moon landing, Apollo 17, in 1972.

Of the Apollo 11 rocks given to other countries, about 70 percent remain unaccounted for, he said. The U.S. government also sent out a second set of goodwill moon rocks to the states and other nations after the Apollo 17 mission, and many of those are missing as well, he said.

NASA did not track their whereabouts after giving them to the Nixon administration for distribution, said chief historian Bill Barry, but added the space agency would be happy to see them located.

Gutheinz began his career as an investigator for NASA, where he found illicit sellers asking millions for rocks on

the black market. Authentic moon rocks are considered national treasures and cannot legally be sold in the U.S., he said.

He became aware while at NASA that the gifts to the states were missing, but only began his hunt after leaving the agency.

Now a lawyer in the Houston area, he's also a college instructor who's enlisted the help of his students. The record their findings of the whereabouts of the dis-

covered moon gems in a database.

Many of the Apollo 11 rocks have turned up in some unexpected places: with ex-governors in West Virginia and Colorado, in a military-artifact storage building in Minnesota and with a former crab boat captain from TV's "Deadliest Catch" in Alaska.

In New York, officials that oversee the state museum have no record of that state's Apollo 11 rock. In Delaware, the sample was stolen from its state museum on Sept. 22, 1977. Police were contacted, but it was never found.

The U.S. Virgin Islands territory, meanwhile, cannot confirm that they ever received a goodwill rock, though the University of the Virgin Islands later received Apollo 11 rocks for scientific research, said chief conservator Julio Encarnacion III.

In other states, though Gutheinz has recently hit paydirt. The Advocate newspaper in Baton Rouge located Louisiana's Apollo 11 moon rock in early August after a call from Gutheinz.

In Utah, the division of state history had no record of the sample, but The Associated Press confirmed it was in storage at Salt Lake City's Clark Planetarium.

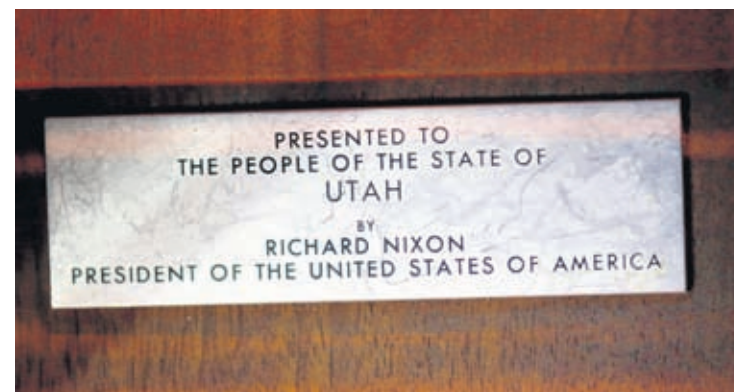
Officials there may bring it out as part of celebrations recognizing the Apollo 11 anniversary next year, something Gutheinz hopes to see everywhere.

"The people of the world deserve this," he said. "They deserve to see something that our astronauts accomplished and be a part it." □



In this Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018, photo, Lindsie Smit holds moon rocks encased in acrylic and mounted on a wooden plaque at the Clark Planetarium, in Salt Lake City.

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This Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2018, photo shows a plate mounted on a wooden plaque that holds moon rocks encased in acrylic at the Clark Planetarium, in Salt Lake City.

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